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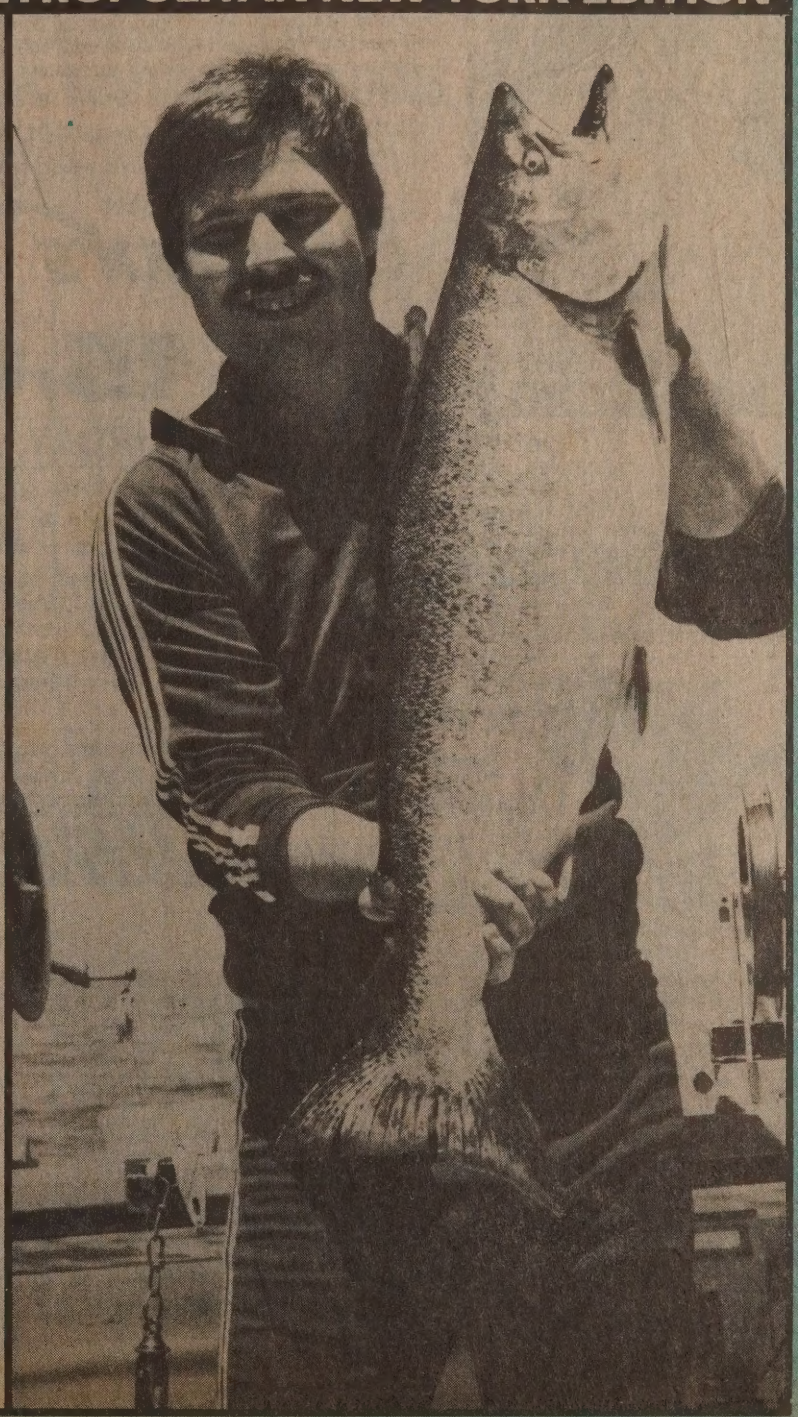

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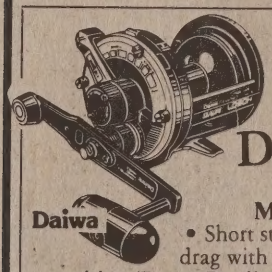

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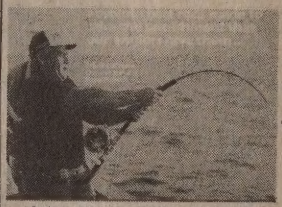

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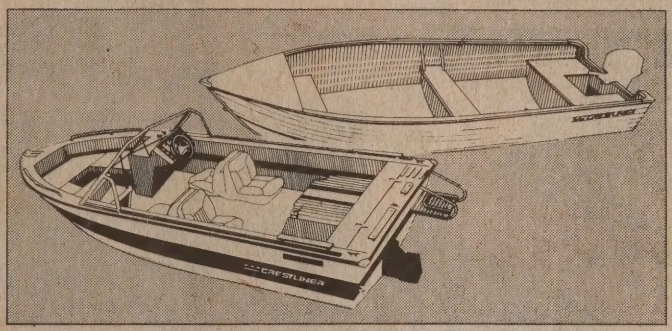

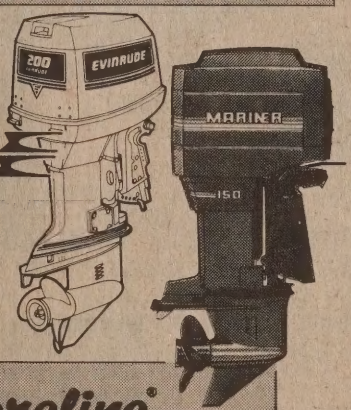

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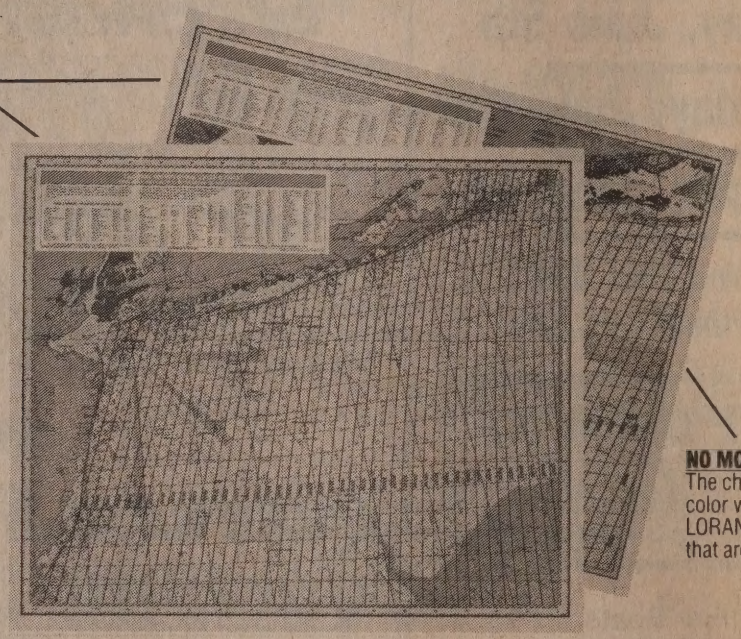

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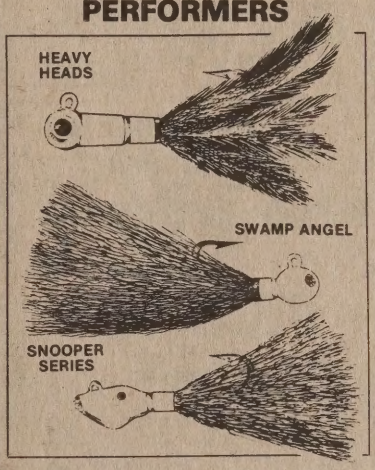

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Fishermen Editor, surf fishing columnist, tutor and guide, Fred Golofaro, will be hosting a Fisherman sponsored Surf Fishing Workshop on Thursday, June 18th. It will be held at the Hauppauge Holiday Inn (Exit 55 off of the LIE) and is scheduled to run from 8:00 to 10:30 PM.

Tackle and lure selection, techniques, baitfishing, tools of the trade, and locating good surf spots are among the many topics that will be discussed through hands-on demonstrations and an expanded slide show. There will be free literature and maps, and a free raffle drawing with many chances to win, for all who attend.

Admittance is $10 for adults and $5 for senior citizen card holders and children 16 years or younger. Proceeds after expenses will be donated to The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund to help improve the quality of recreational angling in our area.

Advance phone reservations are suggested to ensure seating for everyone who attends. For reservations or more information, call (516) 725-4200.

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1. Learn to trouble-shoot your engine and carry a few tools and spare parts.

2. Collisions are a major cause of injury and property damage, so when on the water, keep a sharp lookout, be guided by rules of the road and practice courtesy and common sense.

3. Should your boat capsize, stay with the boat, climb on top of it if you can. You'll stay warmer and it will be easier for rescuers to see you.

4. Overloading is a major cause of boating accidents. So stay within the limits listed on your capacity plate—and carry fewer people in rough weather.

5. Make sure that you have a personal flotation device of the proper size for each person aboard.

6. Keep your boat's fire extinguishers and other life saving gear in top condition, accessible and ready for use at all times.

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Add your voice to issues affecting the quality of surf fishing on Long Island by becoming a member today. New member dues are $18 and includes membership in United Mobile Sportfishermen as well. Send your check for eighteen dollars to LIBBA, P.O. Box 816, Patchogue, NY 11772.

ATTENTION SURF FISHING CLUBS, INDIVIDUALS AND LIBBA MEMBERS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BEACH PROJECTS

Volunteers are needed for two upcoming beach work projects being undertaken by the Long Island State Park Commission and the Long Island Beach Buggy Association.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 30th and 31st, everyone will meet in the Oak Beach Inn parking lot at 8AM before proceeding to the end of Engineers Road (Cedar Beach) where snow fence will be erected to protect fragile beach areas.

The following weekend, June 6th and 7th, the state will be hosting a major effort to restore the dune line at Gilgo. Plans call for 1.2 miles of fencing to be installed. Parking for volunteers will be permitted on the Ocean Parkway median adjacent to the work area. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited to pitch in.

For more information on either project, contact Mr. Bob Lucchesi at (516) 794-0105.

THIRD ANNUAL FLOUNDER SHOOTOUT

The third Annual Flounder Shootout Tournament will be held in Shinnecock Bay, Saturday, May 30th and run from 9AM to 3PM and will provide three cash prizes of $500, $250 and $150 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd biggest fish, it was announced here today at Molnar's Landing, headquarters for the derby.

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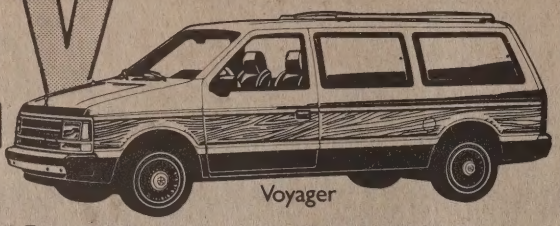

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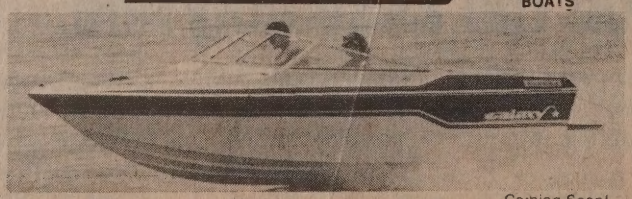

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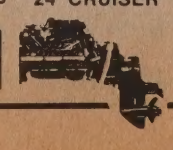

official tournament committee is comprised of Captain Fred Muhs, weighmaster; Hank Altenkirch and Lanny Molnar who will operate the committee boat, "Bahama Baby," and officially start the entered boats at the Ponquogue Bridge.

CB Channel 15 will be constantly monitored. International Game Fish Association rules will apply and the weigh-in will be at 3:30PM at derby headquarters as will the captain's meeting Friday, May 29th at 7:30PM.

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TAKE ME FISHING 1987

For the eighth consecutive year 100 children between the ages of 8 and 14 will spend a day fishing off the 69th Street Pier. Parents or guardians are welcome to come and sit on the dock of the bay to make it a family outing. According to Marty Gazzani, who is organizing the outing, the children will be chaperoned by members of a Bay Ridge fishing club formally organized as the Lower Bay Anglers. The 10-member organization maintains some of the best fishermen in the area. These fishermen will supervise and share their experiences and know-how with the kids by giving talks and demonstrations about the sport.

The fishing day is Sunday, May 31, 1987 from 8AM to 1PM. It will take place on the 69th St. Pier (at Shore Road and Bay Ridge Avenue), an area which generally provides flounder, blackfish, fluke, eels, bluefish and striped bass.

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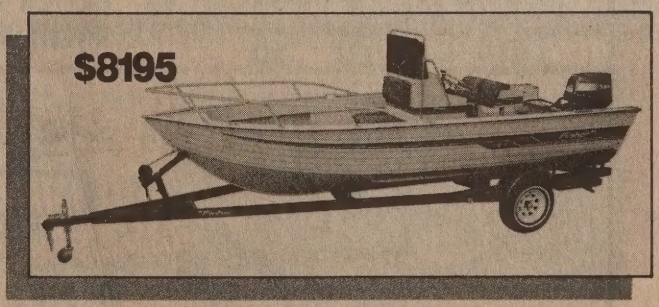

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On the day of the outing a safety pinned tag identifying registrants will be given to each child. The tag will entitle him/her to a free bologna sandwich, soda, potato chips, cupcakes, hook, line, sinker and bait. Tackle may be kept by children. Children who have rods and reels are encouraged to bring them. Those who do not have the equipment will be supplied with a drop-line wrapped around a soda can. Prizes will be awarded for the three biggest fish caught by the participants. This year 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be bags of assorted candy.

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It's no fish story! You don't have to break the record to win cash rewards in this year's Million Dollar Month, but if you do you'll win a bundle.

The annual June event held in the Cayman Islands, 480 miles south of Miami, has attracted "fin finatics" from the U.S., Casnada, U.K., Europe and throughout the Caribbean all in hopes of reeling in that big blue marlin.

The grand lure for breaking the International Game Fish Association's All Tackle Record (a 1,282 lb. blue marlin) remains at $1,000,000, a luxury condominium, a new Sportsfisherman, a 1987 Porshce and a lifetime pass on Cayman Airways and there are many other tasty tidbits to whet the angler's appetite.

All awards for the anglers catching the largest fish in each of the eligible categories during the month have been doubled. Last year's $10,000 prize for the angler landing the largest blue marlin has been raised to $20,000. The local record of 584 lbs. is still worth a whopping $100,000!

The anglers catching the largest white marlin, sailfish, yellowfin tuna, wahoo and dolphin win $5,000 each. The prizes for breaking the local records in each of these categories have been raised to $10,000. And, there are two new categories of awards.

Boat Captain's prizes of US $5,000, US $2,500 and US $1,000 will be awarded to the Captain of the boat landing the first, second and third largest blue marlin of Million Dollar Month.

The anglers catching the first, second and third largest eligible fish of MDM from a boat under 26 feet win US $5,000, US $2,500 and US $1,000.

Co-sponsors of the tournament are the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism and Cayman Airways. Sponsors for the major cash awards are the Hyatt Continental Montreux for all blue marlin prizes; Coca-Cola for the white marlin awards, Metaxa for all yellowfin tuna awards, Anheuser Busch/ Bacardi International for sailfish sawards, Chandris Fantasy Cruises for dolphin awards and Avis for wahoo awards. Captains prizes are courtesy of E.A. Gibson Shipbrokers and the small boat awards are from Jotun Protective Coatings.

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Anglers may also participate in a trip to North Sound. For a minimal cost, families, friends and fishermen can enjoy a day of relaxation and a fresh seafood lunch. The Beach Party provides a 2-hour break from fishing with ferries going between boats and the shore.

The grand finale is July 1st when dinner and dancing will celebrate the successes and tales of "the one that got away" at the Islander Nightclub. This big night is also the presentation of the Cayman Islands Angling Club awards.

This year's Million Dollar Month promises to be bigger, better, and brighter than ever.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR CATCH

Does your summertime catch taste, well...fishy? Actually, fish is fish. It has a distinct, pleasing taste. If it tasted like liver, then you'd have something to complain about. Often, the real problem that causes a "strong" fishy taste comes from improper handling, according to the fishing experts at Mariner Outboards.

Hanging fish on a stringer during the heat of summer leads to spoiled meat.

Live wells offer a solution only if adequate aeration is provided to keep the fish alive. During the extremely hot summer months, it's next to impossible to keep more than a few fish alive even in a livewell. The best solution is to release all but a few for dinner. Those eating size fish should be knocked out with a sharp blow to the top of the head and placed on ice. The fish should be kept on ice until they're ready to be cleaned. If photos are to be taken, do it as quickly as possible.

Fillet fish on a clean surface with a knife. When filleting, always cut away the lateral line, that strip of dark meat down the middle of each fillet.

The fillets should be washed thoroughly, sealed in zip-lock bags and set on a layer of ice during transportation. Never store fish in water, even for short periods of time.

Fresh fish always taste best. Fish can be kept in a refrigerator (covered) for up to 24 hours. After that time, the fillets should be frozen. Many anglers keep only enough fish to eat and refuse to freeze their catch. However, with proper freezing care, the eating quality of the meat will remain excellent for up to a year.

The inner layer should be cellophane wrap. Try to make solid contact with the meat, forcing out excess air. This will reduce the possibility of freezer burn. The outer layer should be freezer paper or a sealable (locked) freezer bag.

When thawing, never soak fish in hot water. Start the thawing process at room temperature, then place the fillets in a covered dish in the refrigerator. Finally, cook the fish with your favorite recipe.

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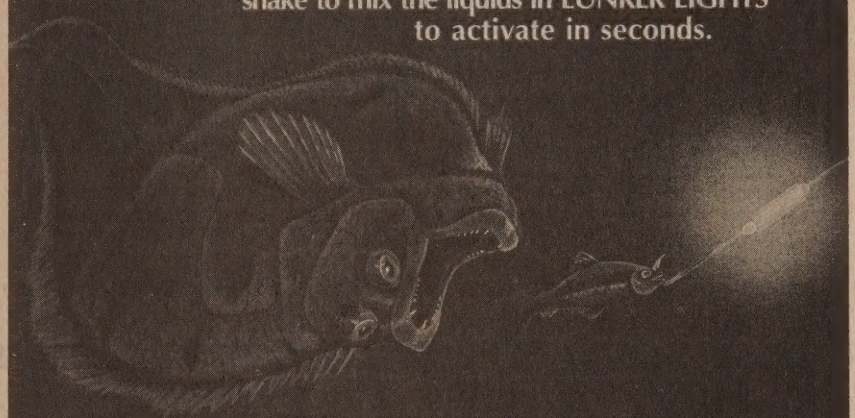

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Available in both gunwale and railmounts, the Pole-Lock is constructed from a rugged polymer plastic which is unaffected by salt water and will not mar expensive composite rods. An important feature is the instant rotation or removal of the holder from its mounting base. A two-way "snap slide,' operated simply with the pressure of one finger, allows the holder to be rotated to any of 8 positions—or removed completely to install a boat cover—all without tools.

For additional information contact FJR Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 968, Painesville, Ohio 44077; (216) 352-9333.

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And now, two spinning rods have been added: the model G0203 is available in 6' and 6½' lengths. It is a heavy action rod with four ceramic guides and a ceramic tiptop. The reel seat has a combination locking nut and non-slip grip. Eagle Claw recommends a line size of 17 to 30 pounds and lure weight of 1 to 4 ounces.

Starfire Granger Ocean rods with non-slip grips may be used in a boat rod holder with great reliability. They have anti-corrosion component parts and the tip is extra sensitive for fast action and excellent fish fighting control.

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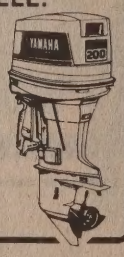

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Smoker Baits is introducing a new saltwater trolling lure for the upcoming season. Based on a successful test market in 1986, the Smokie Troll is the perfect lure for the recreational bay fisherman or the blue water angler.

The Smokie Troll is made of a specially formulated extra length vinyl skirt material, stainless steel bead chain and Mustad hook. They are available in 6 inch, 3 ounce; 10 inch, 3 ounce; and 10 inch, six ounce versions. All sizes and weights are made in 8 neon colors.

Further information from Smoker Baits, P.O. Box 7081, Warwick, RI 02887 or call the Smoker Bait Action Line at (401) 943-0520.

RAY JEFFERSON'S MODEL 215 SYSTEM III MICRO DEPTH COMPUTER DISLAYS DEPTH, WATER TEMP, BOAT SPEED

The Ray Jefferson Model 215 System III is designed to give boaters and fishermen all the information they need in one compact, affordable unit. This liquid crystal digital depth computer not only provides pinpoint depth readings from 2' to 300', but also reads surface water temperatures from 32 to 99.9 degrees and measures boat speeds from 0 to 40 knots or 0 to 45 MPH.

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The one-piece tru-touch membrane keypad assures maximum protection against moisture and sounds a tone each time a key is touched.

The Ray Jefferson Model 215 features an easy-to-read liquid crystal display and incorporates a blanking circuit which turns off the display if the unit is unable to obtain accurate readings, an automatic gain control to compensate for water depth and noise reject circuitry to help eliminate engine interference.

The attractive 4½"W x 5"D x 2½"H unit operates from any 12V DC power source and is gimbal mounted for placement on any flat surface, including overhead. A switchable night light and reverse polarity voltage protection are standard features.

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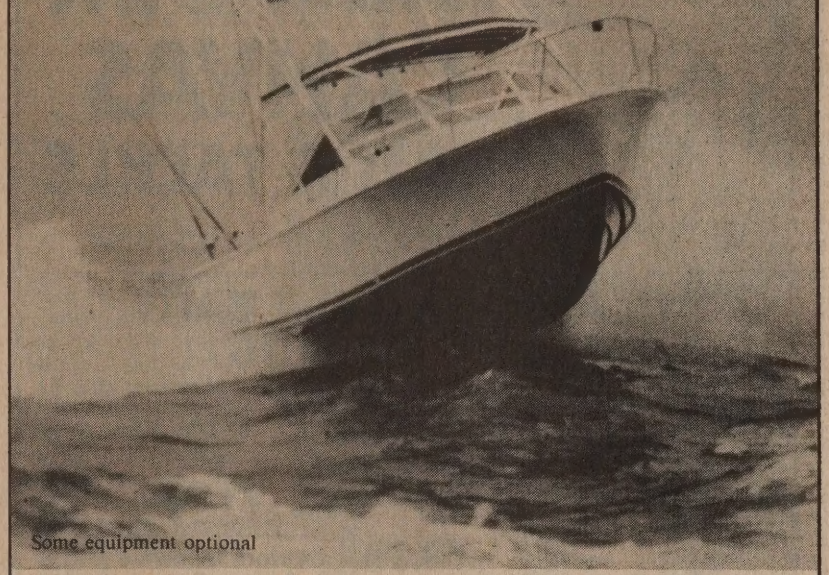

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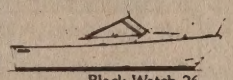

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Shakeapeare introduces the Variable Action rods for 1987. The Variable Action rod *is* the "all in one" rod capable of an infinite number of actions that can handle line from 6 to 25 lb. test. The action of the rod is adjusted by simply twisting the dial on the butt section of the rod.

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For more information on Shakespeare's Variable Action rods, contact Paul Towler, Promotions Manager, P.O. Drawer S, Columbia, SC 29260; (803) 754-7540.

NEW SALTWATER PLUGS, FRESHWATER LURES, HIGH TECH FINISHES ADDED TO SMOKER BAIT LINE

Smoker Baits of Warwick, RI (a division of Custom Mounts International) will be introducing many new fishing lures at the 1987 AFTMA Show in Atlanta.

The new products include: an expanded line of both saltwater and freshwater plugs; some additions to the Smoker skirted trolling baits including an exciting new line of Great Lakes squid type lures (bottom row); and several new high tech 'Flasher' finishes.

The new Flasher series will be available on most of the existing line of Smoker Baits including its Smoker Birds and last year's highly successful Smokin Machine. Smoker Baits was the first to market multiple high speed trolling lures or daisy chains with its Smokin machine.

Smoker Baits has expanded its line of Smoker Plugs to more than 162 different color and size combinations. Of particular interest to the surf fisherman will be Smoker Baits' new beefed up version of its Pinfish Smoker (Needlefish type lure). Added weight and strength make it ideal for casting into the wind.

The Great Lakes fisherman will be very interested in the new Z-plug (second row right) and Smoker Baits' line of squid type baits called Lake Smokers (bottom) all of which have movable eyes.

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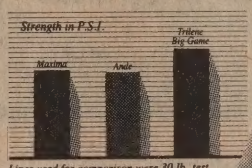

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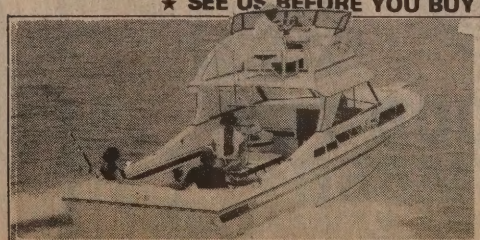

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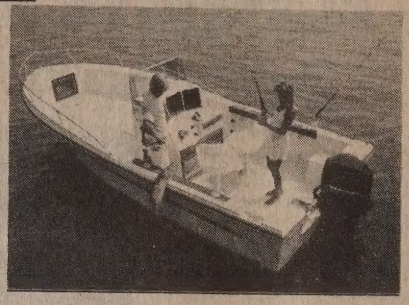

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"Our designers and engineers sought to provide maximum efficient use of the Model 1464's interior, all fitted out with dividers to meet each individual's unique needs," said Bill Cork, Plano's Consumer Relations Manager.

The 1464 has the Phantom's black beauty and measures 14½ by 4¾ by 11½ inches, compared with the original model's 20 by 15 by 5½. It will retail under $29.

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Raytheon Marine Company, the creators of the world's first raster scan marine radars, has taken another quantum leap forward in advanced engineering technology. Raytheon's new 16 mile R20 and 24 mile R21 Raster Scan Radars use the latest in Large-Scale Integrated (LSI) circuitry to significantly reduce display size, while increasing capabilitites and providing unparalleled reliability. Rugged, weatherproof and easy to use, these are the first raster scan radar displays small enough to fit easily into most overhead instrument panels.

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The R20 and R21 Radar displays are fully gasketed for exceptional weather protection. Each measures 10 inches W by 9½ inches H by 8-5/8 inches D, with mounting bracket and weighs 13.2 pounds (8¾ inches by 8-1/8 inches by 8-5/8 inches, without bracket; optional recessed mounting kits available). The R20 radome antenna is 24.4 inches in diameter by 11 inches high and weighs 20.9 poundS; the R21 open array antenna is 37 inches W by 16 inches H and weighs 44 pounds. Peak transmitter power is 3 kW; power requirements are 11-42 Vdc; and power consumption is less than 50 watts (R20) or less than 85 watts (R21).

Manufacturer's suggested list price for the R20 Raster Scan Radar is $2,295 and $3,295 for the R21 Raster Scan Radar. Raytheon offers a two year limited parts warranty with one year free labor by any of its U.S. dealers and worldwide service network.

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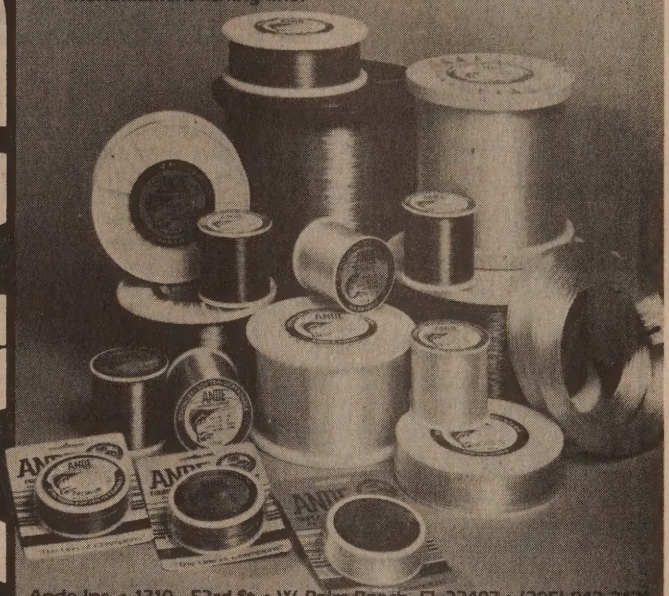

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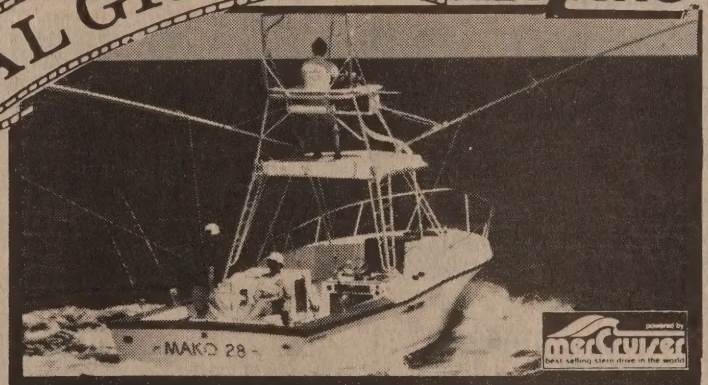

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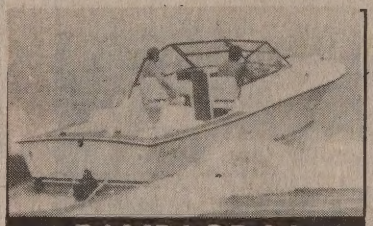

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Charlie Soares

Many of those fishermen who braved wind and salt spray while busting waves in their open center consoles are now showing a bit of gray at the temples or perhaps a receding hairline which is incentive for them to seek a bit more comfort in their boating/fishing activities. The C.C.s are still very popular, but for guys like myself who prefer a bit more protection with my daily ration of saltwater, the hard tops and enclosed helms are gaining in popularity.

Those builders who have promoted these models have been rewarded with substantial increases in sales. Fishermen are spending more time in the water and sharing their sport with their wives and family members, consequently, there is need for more than the cedar bucket and Bimini top. Smart fishermen are also well aware that including the family in the selection process of a boat increases their chances for obtaining a larger and more expensive craft.

As a collector of various equipment related to fishing and boating, I can appreciate limited editions or items which are available in limited numbers. In an interview with George N. Stamas of Stamas Yachts of Tarpon Srpings, Florida, it was obvious he was very pleased and enthused with the response to their hardtop options on their 255 Family Fisherman. His family has been in the boatbuilding business since the early 50s and was one of the early firms that pioneered building boats in glass.

To this day they rely on the hand lay-up method which has produced thousands of boats for them and only use the chopper gun for the skin coats near the gel coat for a more lustrous finish.

The Family Fisherman came into being from input Stamas heard from their fishing customers and dealers. This was the basis for Peter Stamas designing a boat which would meet the needs of the serious fisherman with a family to consider. The boat has a nice balance between the amenities and a large open cockpit with their hardtop option providing cavernous space for electronics and handy gear.

The electronics storage is an important feature and consideration, even though they are trailerable, most hulls will be berthed in floating slips. Delicate electronics were not made for rough handling or trips in the trunk of the car. Being able to store them up and out of sight of passers-by at the marina is a feature I find very attractive.

Of the six models Stamas builds, from an 18 foot center console to their 32 foot cruiser, I was most impressed with their 255 because it addresses my personal needs and preferences. I caught some brief glimpses of the hull when it was introduced at the Boston Boat Show in 1986 and checked their brochures, but had not been up close and personal with a 255 until this past summer. I was filleting some fluke at our floating slip at Padanaram Village when my wife directed my attention to a couple who were attempting to get my attention. I immediately noticed they owned a Stamas 255 which they informed me they had run from Newport to Dartmouth in some very sloppy conditions. I complimented him on his craft and this started a conversation which led to the opportunity to take her out into the lumpy bay for a spin.

Stamas has always been known for

their workmanship and finish and this boat was no exception. She was fitted with the Stamas Outboard Dive Platform of a configuration similar to one we tested on a 27 foot Whaler this past season. The Stamas platform fits across the entire width of the transom and has grab rails to assist divers or skiers in and out of the water. It is large enough so that you could stand in, or on it, to gaff a fish, clear a fouled prop or perform some minor service under the powerheads.

What's most important about this unit is that it provides clean water for the props for a better bite and offers a better measure of support and stability for the engines. Mercury Marine tested one of these platforms at their test facility and reported it enhanced performance, increased leverage and protected the engines from the elements better than transom mounted units or other bracket models.

My generous host gave me the wheel and as I cleared the breakwater I could see the snotty sou'wester piling waves and spray over the rock pile at Round Hill. I turned the boat into the seaway and purposely allowed her to come up to cruising speed very slowly to test her reaction to the breaking 4 to 5 footers. On two occasions, I stuck her pulpit into one, but never wet the front windshield or washed the deck. When I finally turned her broadside, I wet the side windshield and put spray onto the cockpit sole but the passengers were snug and dry under the hard top.

I then turned and ran with the waves. I did not find it necessary to trim the engines and we ran comfortably at slow and cruising speeds in some steep holes with no tendency to yaw or broach with the hull tracking very nicely.

Fishermen will appreciate the well placed features in the cockpit in the form of two molded in bait wells, three insulated fish wells and an extra large cockpit sole fishwell for big catches. She has standard rod holders and rod racks for up to 14 rods and port and starboard tackle boxes to keep tackle handy and organized. About the only thing I would change would be the integral mounted pulpit. I would prefer a bolt-on option as I have seen some extensive damage caused by collisions at docks and with other craft. Much of this damage could have been avoided with a replaceable bolt-on unit.

Power options are single I/O, single or twin Sea Drives, or the Stamas Outboard Dive Platform which accommodates single or twin installations.

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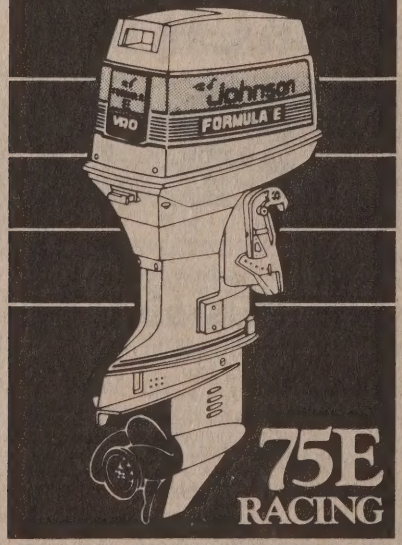

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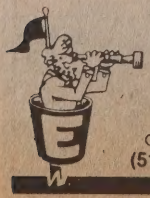
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Product Review

PENN 250GR SPIN REEL

by Jim White

Last year I had a pair of lightweight custom spinning rods made that lowered the final curtain for a pair of old, but well used spinning reels. In their day those reels were the best available and while they still performed quite well, they were getting rough on the edges and were quite heavy in comparison to the new rods. The rods weighed in at only a few ounces and felt way out of balance with the old reels which tipped the scales at 21 ounces—nearly 4 times the weight of the rods.

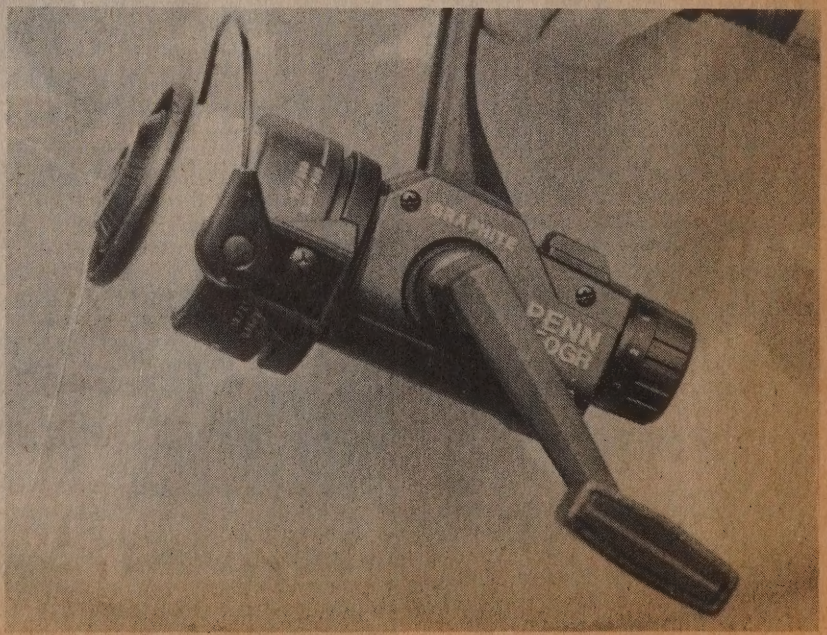
Finding replacement spinning reels was made easier when I met Ed Mesunas at a boat show. Ed is one of the key men on Penn's management team and he showed me the latest in Penn's series of graphite reels he felt would do the job for me. Like everything Penn does, the reels had been thoroughly tested before going into production and Ed thought they would hold up well for the fishing I do.

He recommended the 250GR, the saltwater model in the series, as a good match for my new rods. A trip to a local tackle shop deflated my wallet by just over $20 per reel, which I felt was very reasonable and I was ready to go fishing.

Now that I've used the reels for over a year on my home fishing grounds in New Jersey and on several trips to the south, I can say that I'm very pleased with the choice. The 250GRs have caught a wide variety of fish and have performed better than I expected. Despite Ed Mesunas' confidence and reassurances I was skeptical of these featherweight reels and wasn't sure they would hold up to a lot of fishing pressure.

Since the housing, rotor and spool are constructed of a molded graphite composite the reel is just about corrosion proof. I did have one reel show some signs of corrosion around one of the bail mounts, but this was due to lack of cleaning after I loaned the reel to a friend. It wasn't washed clean or sprayed with light oil until I got the reel back nearly two weeks later. My other 250GR shows no evidence of corrosion and has received only a mild washing after each use and a quick spritz of CRC. No maintenance to the inner workings of the reels was needed during the entire year and the original factory lubrication was very good, leaving no exposed parts to corrode if saltwater entered the housing.

Penn has installed their HT 100 drag washer material in the 250GR and it provides a smooth drag system. False albacore are one of the most sporting fish on light spinning tackle and I was pleased with the way the 250GRs held up to these speedy fish. The drags did not falter even after heating up after a long running fish.



The drags have also held up to bonefish on the Florida Keys flats, bluefish in New Jersey chum slicks and we even caught a 50 pound brown shark on one of the 250s.

The drag mechanism uses a large stainless washer sandwiched between two HT 100 drag washers. They dissipate heat readily and seem to be free of chatter and fade. The drag is located within the rear of the reel housing and is well protected from moisture.

Most modern spinning reels have silent anti-reverse clickers and the 250GR is no different. This is a nice feature when casting plugs on a quiet creek or bay when a loud clicker literally shatters the beauty of a silent "fishing hole."

The handle is shaped well for comfort and it folds out of the way for storage or travel. The spool has a pushbutton release for spool changing and extra spools are available from local tackle shops or direct from Penn.

I've experienced no noticeable wear on the gears or running mechanism. The gears are still tight and smooth operating. The rotor isn't loose and the bail works as it is supposed to. I would estimate that well over 500 fish have been landed on each reel, mostly bluefish and fluke, and I expect to get several more seasons from the reels before major service is going to be required.

The retrieve speed is 4.5 to 1 and is about right for plugging with swimmers, poppers and metal squids. For bucktailing, it's a little fast, but the fisherman can adapt the retrieve speed to a slower rhythm on the handle turns.

The 250GRs have many features that are identical to their bigger brother "SS" series spinning reels. A stainless steel main shaft holds the spool and is supported by shielded stainless steel ball bearings. This smooths the feel of the reel, but more importantly it assures the long life of the reel. Several dozen bluefish up to 14 pounds were deep jigged on my reels and there is no sign of rotor wobble even after this rough use from hauling big fish from deep water.

The 250GR is the largest in the Penn graphite series. Three smaller models, the 220GR, 230GR and 240GR are similar in design and features to the 250GR but also sport the Penn Cast trigger for one-handed spin casting. While freshwater fishermen frequently find the trigger feature to be of great value, many saltwater anglers prefer the simpler bail.

The Penn 250GR has been, and still is, a pleasure to fish with. Despite its lightweight, it is a rugged reel able to withstand heavy fishing use and is a good match for the S-glass and graphite rods.

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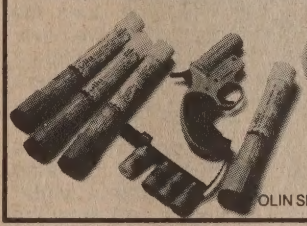

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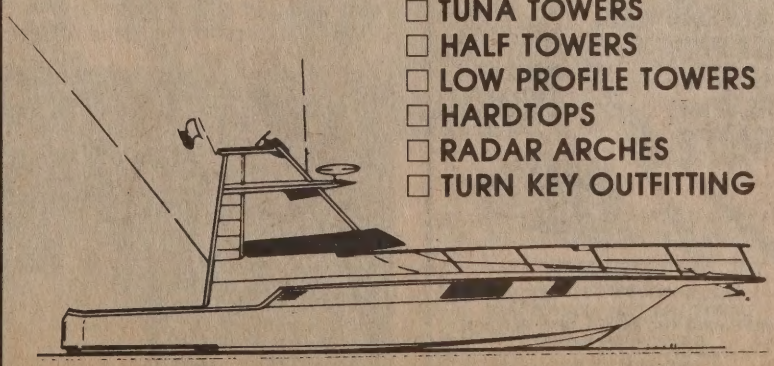

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

This week's Tackle Doctor inquiries deal with a wide spectrum of fishing and tackle questions as one reader asks what the meaning of the term "frostfish" is, while another needs to know the best ways to cook and store fresh crabs. The third question discusses snaps for changing bucktails. Keep those letters coming in. It's good to hear from the most important people of all: our readers!

Dear Doc,

This question is in reference to the article "Some Fishy Nomenclature," written by Eric Burnley. First of all, the article was great and very helpful to me. My question is: what does the term "frostfish" refer to? I have never seen it directly used in The Fisherman, but Al Ristori, one of the writers for the magazine has used it several times in his column in the Star Ledger. At first I thought it referred to whiting, but I've heard it might also refer to a number of different winter species such as ling or cod. Now I'm confused.

Adam Torine.

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Dear Adam,

Frostfish usually refers to whiting which have come close to shore pursuing baitfish right into the surf. Some of these whiting would actually get washed up onto the sand where they would often become quck frozen by the frigid air. Naturally, this only occurs during the coldest months in the winter. Beachcombers who came across these frozen whiting could collect the fish in buckets and bring them home for a fine meal. This was a fairly common occurrence 30 to 40 years ago, but is a rarity today.

*Frostfish also refers to the Atlantic tomcod, **Microgadus tomcod**, which is a small member of the cod family. This fish is found along the coast from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Virginia. This inshore member of the cod family only grows to about 15 inches and one pound in weight. The reason it is referred to as a frostfish is the fact that it can withstand quick changes in water temperature without any apparent harmful results. A sudden deluge of ice cold water into the coastal waters after a heavy snowstorm does not seem to bother this hardy fish.*

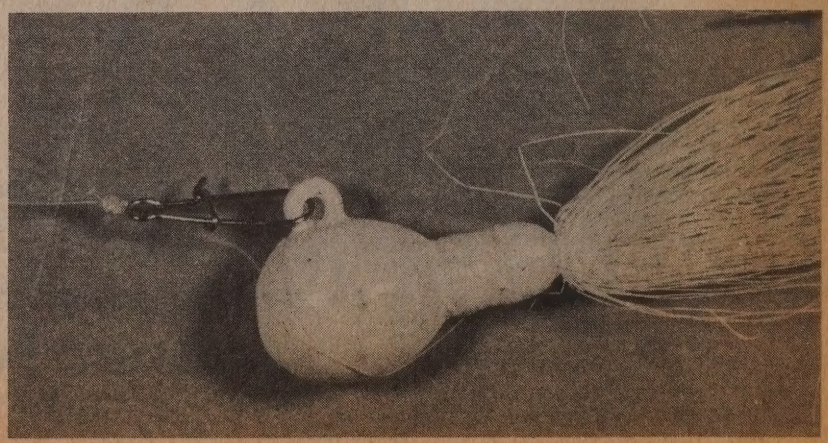
Dear Doc,

I have been reading The Fisherman for years and I don't recall reading an article on cooking and cleaning crabs. What is the easiest way to cook and clean crabs? Can crab meat be frozen? If so, should you freeze them raw or cook them first? Maybe you could recommend a good seafood cookbook also. Thank you.

Prentice P. Hegenauer.

Dear Prentice,

The most common and probably the best way to cook crabs is to steam them in a pot with a tray or rack to hold the crabs above the boiling water. Place the crabs on the tray live and wait until they turn red. The crabs are now ready to clean and eat or freeze for a future meal. To make the crabs even more tasty there are a wide range of spices and techniques you can use. Old Bay seasoning sprinkled lightly on the crabs will usually stop them from moving around as much so that you can get a lid on the pot more easily while at the same time adding to the flavor. Remember, though, the more Old Bay seasoning you put on, the hotter the



crab will taste. Many people also place onions, peppers, parsley and other seasoning right in the water where it will filter up in the steam and into the crabs.

To clean the cooked crabs pry open the shell around the edge with a sharp knife. Inside it's easy to distinguish the soft innards from the meaty flesh. Remove the innards and the gills found near the front on each side. Now dig out the crab meat with a small fork or crab pick. The crab meat is now ready to be frozen.

A plastic container like a cut open milk jug works well to freeze the crabs. Fill the plastic container 3/4 full of crab meat. Fill the rest of the container with the leftover water that you used to steam them with. You're now ready to place the container in the freezer. To thaw for later use, just place the container in the refrigerator.

Some crabbers will take both soft or hard shell crabs and freeze them alive. When they are ready to have some for dinner the crabs are taken out and steamed like before. I heard this method works too, but I've never tried it myself.

There is an excellent book called "How To Catch Crabs By The Bushel,' by Jim Capossela. The book is chockfull of recipes and the how-to's of crabbing. You may obtain this book by writing to The Fisherman Magazine, P.O. Box 1994, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. The cost is $3.95 plus $1.50 postage.

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Dear Doc,

I like to fish bucktails, but like to change lures depending on what's catching the fish. Is there a snap swivel that doesn't hurt the action, but allows for quick changing of my lure? *Frank Walters.*

Dear Frank,

There are two snaps I can recommend that work just fine. You see, you don't really want to use a snap "swivel" because bucktails don't spin. The two snaps are the Sampo "Duo-Lock" and the Berkley "Cross Lock." Both have a very rounded bend where they attach to the lure. Most other snaps have a V-shaped bend where they attach to the lure and this hinders the action.

These two snaps have a 20 pound test rating which is much stronger than the 8-12 pound test you'll be using for the weakfish. Also, both companies make this snap in a black finish. If you are worried about the fish seeing the snap, then use black because it becomes almost invisible for the fish to see in the water. Most tackle shops have these two brands in stock, but if you can't find them where you shop, then just write to the addresses given below. Also, remember to use the smallest size snaps possible as you don't want to interfere with the action of the bucktail:

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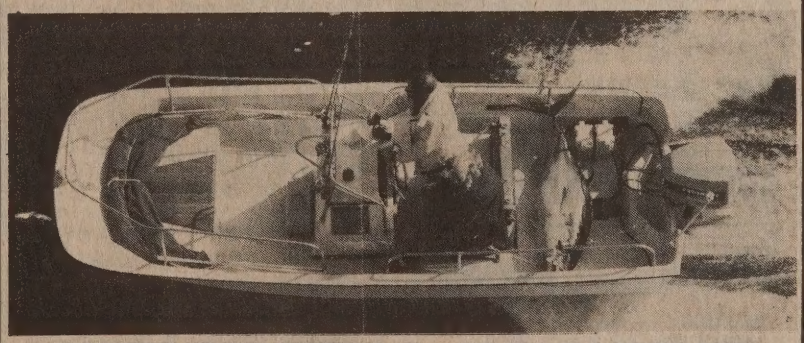

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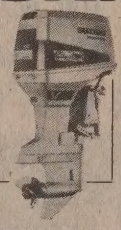

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

There seem to be a good number of our readers who have purchased used boats. Some are no longer in production and the manufacturer has gone out of business. When this occurs, there is very little you can do to acquire parts or service manuals other than contact a local dealer who once carried that line.

Other boats may be old but the company that manufactured them is still in business, so information is readily available. On rare occasions I have intimate knowledge about a particular boat and such is the case in the following letter.

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Dear Eric,

A couple questions about the Bertram Bahia Mar 20: it's a 1966 model with the Merc I/O and I'm thinking about buying it for fishing. Is it, in your estimation, a seaworthy boat? Capable of what? The hull being 20 years old, is it worth the investment if it's in relatively good shape? I've talk around, but I'm not convinced.

Mac Beattie.

Dear Mac,

I have owned a 1966 Bertram 20 foot Moppie for the past three years and I am very happy with the boat. The Bahia Mar has the same hull but the cuddy cabin is larger and the seating arrangement consists of two helm chairs instead of two back to back seats. I believe the fuel capacity of the Bahia Mar is 50 gallons, while the Moppie only holds 30.

My boat is powered by a 165 hp MerCruiser I/O and this is more than enough engine. At 2800 RPM I run 20 knots by my Loran. The engine will go much faster, but I seldom run over 3500 to keep fuel usage as low as possible. I currently average 6 GPH at 2800 RPM and 1 to 2 GPH at trolling speed.

The 20 Bertram is as seaworthy a hull as was ever put into the water. It is a deep v and does tend to rock about a bit at anchor or when drifting but it cuts through a chop like a hot knife through soft butter. You will also find this hull is quite heavy and it stays in the water where it belongs.

I have no idea what condition the particular boat you are looking at is in, but I have seen a 20 foot Bertram priced at $12,000 to $13,000. This was a completely restored boat with a new engine, outdrive and paint job but did not include a trailer. My boat and trailer are currently insured for $10,000.

My advice is if the boat is in good condition and the price is right, go for it. I don't think you will be disappointed.

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Dear Eric,

I have been reading The Fisherman magazine for about 18 months and really enjoy the informative articles. I was born and raised on the Great South Bay till I was 21 and moved to upstate Poughkeepsie, New York. I must say I really enjoyed those years and miss living close to the saltwater.

I haven't had a boat since I moved away from home 10 years ago. I finally purchased a used 17 foot Mako 2 years ago and the family and I are in the hot pursuit of setting this boat up to do some serious fishing. This is where my problem lies. I am interested in installing a fiberglass electronics or radio box about 18 inches over the center console. I have looked and inquired in a few of the marinas, but haven't found anything that would suit my needs without remortgaging the house. I am looking for something about 24L x 14H x 14D and nothing fancy. Even just the fiberglass box would do fine as I could make the doors myself.

Would you know of a source either local or mail order that might have something to meet my needs. I found a source located in Florida, but they want $400, which is a bit much on my limited budget. I would like to keep the cost less than $100 (without the mounting hardware) if this is not being unreasonable.

Any information you send my way will be greatly appreciated.

Warren Batson.

Dear Warren,

A ready made box to your exact specifications may not be available and why buy a ready made box when you can probably make something yourself?

I personally have no aptitude for anything mechanical, electrical or related to carpentry, but building a box in the measurements you described doesn't sound too difficult. You indicate you could make the doors, which is the most difficult part of the project.

Marine plywood will be your best choice for construction material in either 1/2 or 5/8 inch size. When you assemble the box you should rabbit the corners and then reinforce them with aluminum L-brackets. You can cover the box with fiberglass resin which should make it completely

waterproof.

To mount the box over your console use 1¼ to 1½ inch outside diameter aluminum pipe. Secure this to your console with through-bolted U-bolts. You may need to shim up the space between the pipe and the console with wooden blocks. The pipes are secured to the box and the deck using aluminum flanges.

According to Larry Weldin, who provided the instructions for this project, if you build your electronics box and mount it in this manner it will withstand all the punishment the sea can dish out. He has built several similar setups and I can personally vouch for their effectiveness.

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Dear Eric,

I'm looking for a company that makes different small boat conversions such as adding small cabins, center consoles, etc. Can you help with literature or where I can get literature? *Bob Parks.*

Dear Bob,

This type of work would be done by a local shop in your area, so it is impossible for me to recommend any one company for such modifications as you want done on your boat. Your best bet is to check the local area until you find a capable outfit to perform the work.

I do have a few suggestions on how to select someone to do the job.

First check with other boat owners who have had similar work done on their boats. Look at the job and judge for yourself if it meets your standards. Ask the boat owner if he was satisfied with the quality of the work and the cost.

Visit the business before you take your boat in for work. Look over the physical layout and check to see if the place is clean and orderly. Working with wood and fiberglass is a dirty job but a reasonable amount of care can prevent the shop from looking like a junk yard.

Talk with the owner and get a firm estimate for the work you want. Problems can arise that will increase the cost, but don't allow the estimate to grow by more than 10 percent without your personal approval for the added expense.

If you are considering a cabin or other major alteration, consult a reliable marine architect to be certain the added weight and height won't adversely affect the way your boat handles. When you add a cabin, tower or any other structure you raise the boat's center of gravity and this can make your craft unstable especially in a quartering sea. The deeper the vee on your bottom, the more pronounced this problem will be.

Making major modifications to your boat is not a project entered into lightly. If you find a competent yard and are certain the work won't make your boat unsafe, your only problem will be paying the bill.

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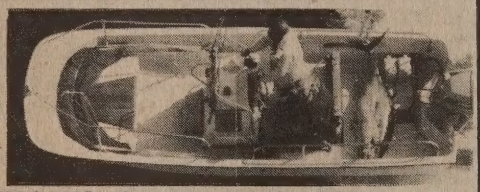

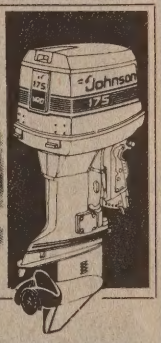

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GREAT SOUTH BAY'S SHELTERED BLUES

by Fred Golofaro

From the weakfishman who curses over his rapidly diminishing stock of jelly worms, to the live bait sharpie who suffers the indignity of having his precious supply of live eels and bunker decimated, to the sharker driven to frustration by mangled baits, the bluefish is often as maligned as it is praised. Yet there remains a large percentage of anglers out there who fully appreciate the many virtues these game fish possess. In fact, a reader survey conducted by The Fisherman a couple of years back revealed that 70 percent of those who responded included the bluefish as one of their three most sought after species. Flounder, fluke, weakfish and striped bass all rated high but none of these other popular species scored higher than a 50 percent mark. Such is the popularity of bluefish.

And nowhere are the blues' virtues better appreciated than in the sheltered confines of Great South Bay. Each spring, schools of two to four pound choppers swarm through Fire Island Inlet and fan out through the channels and over the flats of this well populated bay. In recent years they have helped fill the void created by diminished weakfish stocks and several Captree open boats have even begun focusing their attention on the abundant blues rather than the scattered weaks.

Smaller blues are easily swung aboard by grabbing your leader. Larger fish might require a net or gaff.

Novice anglers often have the distorted impression that bluefish are available only in the ocean and are frequently surprised to learn that Long Island's bays do indeed sustain a viable fishery. One of the nicest features of the Great South Bay fishery is the accessibility to the fishing grounds. In some cases "fishing on your doorstep" is even an understatement. Very often, some of the best action for private boatmen occurs within minutes of several mainland marinas. While these fish can be readily trolled, chummed or jigged, there is no finer sport than "plugging" these scrappers with small popping plugs on a light one-hand rod with 6 or 8 pound test line. This approach is "the only way to fly" when the blues are settled in the shallows of the open bay.

Good fishing is almost a certainty on the flats by the fourth week of May, but the past few years have seen the blues arriving en masse earlier than usual and good bluefish action has occurred as early as the tenth of May. This fishing is reliable through June but as the season progresses, floating masses of eel grass make keeping any kind of surface lure free of week, a difficult task.

At times, working terns will pinpoint the action for you but it is far more common to catch these fish "blind," that is, with no visible indication of their presence in an area. This is contrary to most angler's experiences with blues, but it works here. "When in Rome..." The fish are most often found in three to seven feet of water with some sections of the bay producing blues year after year.

Among the areas that regularly provide good plugging action are both the east and west sides of the Captree Bridge with the southernmost half being the most consistent. The area south of buoy 10 (located in midbay south of Bay Shore) to Dickerson Channel has probably been the most reliable piece of real estate over the years. It has been producing good plugging action for me for the past twenty years. Another stretch of bay

frequently inhabited by these fish lies south of Heckscher and north of East and West Islands. Take a look at your chart and concentrate your efforts along the edge of the flats where water depths drop from four to seven feet.

The above locations are obviously not specific. Just drift around until you raise a couple of fish on the poppers and repeat your drifts through the "live" area. Your best chance for success comes during the early morning or evening hours but we've had good action at midday when a stiff sou'wester roils the bay's surface.

Light action spinning or baitcasting rods are perfect for this fishing, but it also pays to carry at least one huskier outfit along for those infrequent occasions when bigger fish find their way up onto the flats. Blues of five to eight and even ten to twelve pounds make a showing deep in the bay each season. Whether or not you encounter them or not is another matter. This occurs more frequently when the bay has a good supply of bunker. Last season saw a large bunker population and so far this spring, there is every indication that we will have plenty of bunker around.

If you're serious about tangling with big blues in the bay, you would do much better to concentrate your efforts on the south side of the bay in the deep water channel stretching from Kismet, west to the inlet. You'll also increase your odds considerably by sticking to live or chunked bunker.

Lest anyone doubt the size potential of these bay fish, I can only say that the biggest bluefish I've ever seen in my lifetime grabbed a live bunker I was drifting atop the Kismet Reef. That gargantuan chopper was laying alongside my boat with the coup de grace seconds from being applied when it made one final bid for freedom. Losing that fish remains to this day my greatest disappointment in angling. How big was that fish? At the risk of losing whatever credibility I have, let's leave that for another time.

One final note. Since most of the fish you'll be catching will be under the four pound mark, they are easily landed by grabbing your leader and swinging them aboard. A 24 to 30 inch length of 40 pound mono has always proven adequate for me in the leader department, but be sure to check it occasionaly for nicks and frays. Make sure you have a gaff or net aboard just in case those bigger blues or a weakfish put in an appearance.

When the fishing heats up, you can really put the hurt to these fish. I happen to think that small blues, when freshly caught, make excellent eating. But while it's tempting to load the box, I'm always careful to take only what I can use and carefully return the rest. I think that by now, we've all learned that there is no such thing as an unlimited resource and bluefish are no exception.

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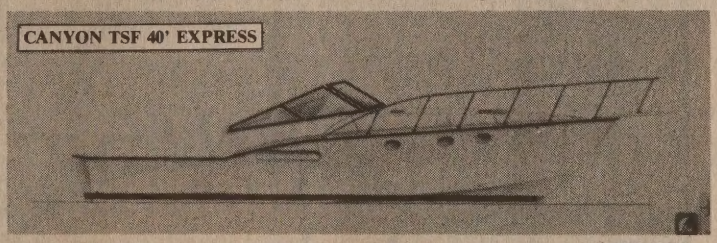

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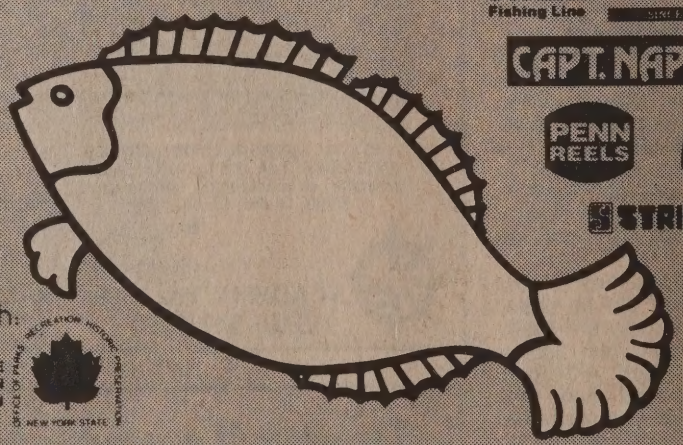

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"SNAP" A PHOTO

by Dick Mermon

All photos have some type of appeal but with a little practice, more imagination and some additional knowledge, photographs with greater character are not difficult to compose. Anyone who has a keen eye can become a better photographer after their fear of the camera is overcome and a few fundamentals understood.

People and especially fishermen, always seem to have a problem when it comes to choosing a 35mm camera. Not only do they fear the camera, but hesitate to expose it to nature's elements when looking for some good photos. Elements like saltwater, sea air, sand, rain and, of course, the abuse it may receive. This is understandable, as far as the natural hazards, but do not fear the camera because of all the do-dads, gadgets and numbers. Any camera is vulnerable to weather and must always be protected from those perils. Instamatics as well as quality 35mm cameras are rather delicate; so it is wise to have them in a case, or carried in some type of protective casing.

I once had a phobia about jeopardizing my expensive photo equipment to Mother Nature's conditions, but changed several years ago with the purchase of a 35mm Nikonos underwater camera. This Nikon piece is now my constant workhorse in threatening locations. It all came about while still learning the ins and outs of photography the hard way, from experience. Trying to obtain a new angle in tail-roping a shark, it thrashed saltwater onto my expensive 35mm camera. Luckily, I was able to clean it off quickly, preventing any extensive damage. Still, both lens and camera had to be completely overhauled and relubricated. A costly operation for a picture never taken. This incident directed me towards the purchase of the underwater Nikonos II camera, which happned to be Nikon's second model available on the market. Today, not only does the Nikonos II have space in my bag, but I also carry a Nikonos IV. The reason

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for the two models is each has its own type of film: one for black/white and the other color.

Two features which may be considered by some as a hindrance when taking pictures with the Nikonos II are: first, it is not automatic in operation, but once confidence is established in knowing lens openings for light conditions, shutter speed and depth-of-field, the camera is a jewel. All this information is described either on the film package or an instruction sheet supplied with each and every type of film and it is not there just to take up space. These directions and instructions are there for your use.

The other minor handicap is the camera does not have a through the lens focusing feature but instead a viewfinder. But, in this life you must give something to get something and the Nikonos II does just that. It offers ruggedness, lens sharpness, totally water/weatherproof operation and a camera you can take anywhere in the world for standard style pictures.

If you're looking for automation in a 35mm camera, with all the plus offered by the Nikonos II, then take a peek at the Nikonos IV and Nikonos V. They are both very similar except for a few added features in the present day model. People have asked why I purchased the two models rather than any of the other Nikonos available such as the Nikonos I, III, or V cameras? The answer is very simple: "bugs in workmanship." By no means were these three cameras faulty in any way, but through the years I have learned not to jump at the first model available, but wait for the second, which usually has all minor weaknesses eliminated that may have been in the principal camera. Each of my Nikonos cameras had their share of hazardous experiences without showing any ill effects. They were bounced about, submerged in both fresh and salt water, placed in sand, spattered with mud and even rolled in snow. Each time after a day's shooting where conditions were not up to par in weather conditions, the camera was merely rinsed off with fresh water, towel dried and the special "O" rings around the lens connection were relubricated.

The Nikonos IV and V have a larger viewfinder than their predecessors, along with a more convenient shutter release button and locking system. Also, the body style was changed. But the nicest feature is the interchangeability of the lenses with all of these cameras. Both the Nikonos IV and V cameras can be set for automatic exposure or, manual operation shutter settings which does relieve a bit of frustration at times. Unlike other 35mm cameras, the lens settings (f. stops) and depth-of-field ranges (focusing ranges) are on the lens face rather than around the outside ring. When a lens opening is set, two arrows bracket the footage, thus everything between the points will be in focus for that particular lens

setting. A high f. stop produces a smaller lens opening and the greater distance between that area, or a wide depth-of-field is achieved. With a Nikonos IV, or V camera positioned in an automatic shutter, you merely judge the distance in feet of the camera to the subject being photographed, set the footage indicator and take the picture. The automatic shutter activates to the proper lens opening for that film speed and if there is sufficient light, the picture will be exposed perfectly.

Nikon manufactures four lenses to fit all the Nokonos cameras and are totally interchangeable with each model camera. The 35mm focal length lens is standard for taking pictures above or below the water, whereas the 15mm and 28mm lenses are strictly used underwater. These two lenses are **not** to be used outside the water, or the pictures will be constantly out of focus. Also available is a semi-telephoto lens with a focal length of 80mm that can be used in water or on land. For the average person, a 35mm lens is sufficient to do the job with a second choice of a 28mm to do the underwater shots.

Adding to the confusion of picture taking is the choice of film and it is understandable why so many people become befuddled. With the selection of film, one specific factor should be learned. First, pick one, or two types of film in black/white, or color and concentrate on their ability Do not under any circumstances switch film until you are thoroughly familiar with one type. My choice would be to start with a fast film in black/white such as Tri-X, ASA 400, or Plus-X, ASA 100, because of their fast shutter speed and wide range of lens settings to obtain depth-of-field. For color pictures, a film speed of ASA 100 is all that one needs, and an ASA 64, for color transparencies (slides).

When it comes to lens opening and the type of film being used, there is a rule of thumb that I learned a long time ago. Films calling for shutter speeds of 125 and 250 of a second will have certain lens openings for lighting conditions and the results will be on the money. Direct sunlight with distinct shadows call for a lens setting of f11, whereas if the subject is in full shade, the setting is f5.6. If there is no sun at all and in heavy overcast the lens opening is f4. Backlighted subjects call for a f5.6 all the time. Films carrying a fast shutter speed are quite forgiving and shooting plus or minus one opening will still produce an acceptable photograph.

Since it is the human eye that actually sees the picture before it has been taken, always be alert for distracting items in the background. Make sure the desired subject receives the total highlight and try to create a pose that enhances the photo. Good photographs are in the eyes of the photographer. Quality pictures are a result of your camera. Together, you can make the photo a prize-winner.

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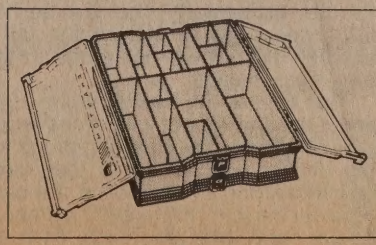

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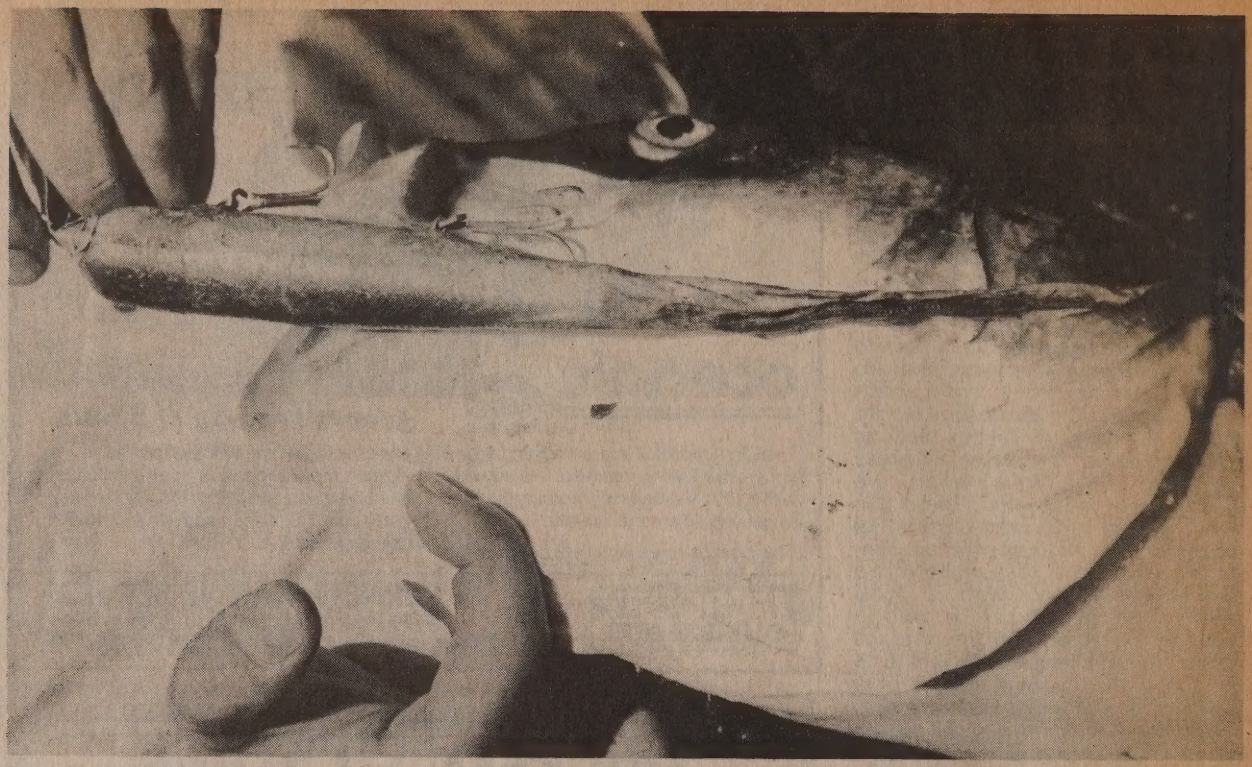

MAKING BIG PLUGS WORK FOR YOU

by William A. Muller

Although it wasn't always so, it has come to be "de rigueur" that we use small plugs in spring and summer and the big stuff in the fall. Sand eels, of three to five inches, small spearing and perhaps other small bait such as anchovy dominate in the spring and thus it becomes logical to throw small plugs like Rebels, RedFins and Bombers in the three to five inch sizes. On the other hand, all the spring-spawned bait has grown up over the summer and are larger during the fall migration.

Bunker can weigh well over a pound, mullet are easily over 6 inches, sand eels up to 10 inches can roam the beach at times and even adult spearing can be 6 to 8 inches. In addition to the size of the bait, there is also the factor of predators heavily on the feed, pushed by hormonal changes that encourage pre-migratory fattening. Thus, even when a big plug is thrown amongst predators feeding on smaller bait, the frenzied killers will often opt for the larger plug, even though it may be 4 to 6 inches bigger than the prey.

Therefore, there is an undeniable logic to the pattern of smaller plugs in spring and larger ones in the fall. Yet, if we get locked into this rule as an absolute, we may miss golden opportunities for big fish.

I'm not arguing for stocking your surf bag to the hilt with monster plugs: bottles, darters, pencil poppers, etc. However, I do try to carry a couple of big plugs in the early stages of the season. Depending upon where I plan to fish, I'll have two to four "big 'uns" in the bag. If I'm fishing daylight I'll stick a pencil popper in there, or a medium darter for the sunset or sunrise period—just in case! For night tides I'll tote a darter, a bottle and of course, a seven inch Swedish style swimmer. I'm not expecting anything in particular, rather I want to have something logical to use in the event I stumble on something I didn't bargain for. On more than one occasion it has paid off for me. Incidentally, the reverse has also been good to me. In the fall I always have a few small plugs in the bag—just in case.

That covers the overall logic. How about the specifics of where and when surf fishermen use these big plugs for big dividends. I've found that most beach folk don't fish a lot in the daytime during late spring and summer. I concur with this approach because strong sun, hot daytime temps and heavy boat traffic all conspire to put the fish in deep water. There are always exceptions, but most surf fishermen agree that the odds are better at night and twilight.

Twilight is always a good time since both predator and prey will become more active. The interactions between them will encourage baitfish towards the beach. Although we usually associate large bunker with the fall runs of fish, these baitfish arrive in April and some schools hang around all summer. They prefer the deeper cooler waters usually, but will move into the shallows from time to time when plankton that they feed on becomes abundant. This abundance is a result of a periodic population explosion that estuarine biologists call a "bloom."

It is at such times that large bass, weaks, and especially bluefish will follow hot on the heels of the bunker into the shallows near the beach. A pencil popper is an excellent choice at such times. Many surf fishermen who are known to catch their share relate a preference to work the pencil popper slowly, in the usual agonizingly slow dance method, at the edges of the bunker schools. The popper imitates a bunker that is injured and thus vulnerable to easy predation. It is a maneuver that often works. On the other hand, bunker schools also pop

up along the inlet and Sound beaches at night. Although people do catch fish at night with a pencil popper that is retrieved slowly and steadily, the percentages are with a swimming plug. At such times a white bottle plug, a darter, or a seven inch Rebel, RedFin, or Bomber could produce a few trophy fish.

Bunker aren't the only large bait one may bump into in late spring and summer. During several seasons, large schools of mullet worked in and out of several south shore inlets during July and August, produced excellent action with big blues in two seasons, and reasonably steady action with big bass another time.

In some years squid of 12 to 18 inches will be abundant. In several seasons large schools of squid worked several beaches in the Sound. When that happened weaks and bass were responsive to white reverse Atoms, white 7 inch Swedish style plugs and white darters and bottle swimmers.

Herring is another of the large baits that from time to time are close to the beach during the spring and summer seasons. They are common visitors to north shore beaches in May, preferring to slide along the beach during cloudy days on a dropping tide or at twilight. Cow bass are often not too far away from the fast moving herring schools. On the north shore, the herring will usually move away quickly once bigger blues arrive in mid or late May. Large plugs with blue or green backs and white bellies will work well when the bass are around. Look for large swirls to indicate the presence of the bigger fish.

Herring also take up residence in the south shore inlets once in a while. I remember one July in 1978 and another August in 1983 when herring stimulated fall-like fishing for big blues, monster tiderunners and bass to 60 lbs. The run lasted weeks as long as the weather remained stable. As I recall the fish responded to bottle plugs with white bellies, large white and yellow darts, but the real hot plug was deep diver Danny plugs and the deeper diving Super Strike metal lip swimmer. The falling tide brought about an acre of herring down to the jetty at West End each night where the big predators were waiting.

One of the keys to this kind of fishing is that it isn't predictable. You can't head down to the beach on a snotty day and expect to catch fish the way you can in the fall. The circumstances that put mullet, herring, bunker, squid and other large baits on the beach are vaporous and avoid explanation. However, many beach rats avoid the surf during these days because the action isn't reliable, yet that could be a big mistake. Others scout spots that log books indicate produced fish in the past. They test the waters during prime conditions fo tide, moon, wind, etc., for signs of the unusual. They keep spots honest, as we say. In so doing they get a respectable number of chances to use those big plugs on big fish.

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IN QUEST OF A TROPHY BASS

by Capt. Bob Storc

Many fishermen on Long Island are intrigued by catching striped bass. However, pound for pound, a bluefish will fight just as hard if not harder and are easier to catch. So why the fascination with stripers? Probably because with the many techniques to take bass, a strategy is planned and followed and the ultimate success is more of a hunt. The successful night striper addict is definitely a predator. The taking of large bass has characteristics of a **stalk** rather than just fishing. To move up to the pursuit of trophy striped bass, fish of 30 lbs. or more, is probably the ultimate challenge on Long Island's inshore waters.

The territory that consistently produces these large fish is the "Montauk Periphery." This area is from Montauk Point to Block Island, to the northeast, west to the Race, Sluiceway, Plum Gut and back to Shagwong Reef—with Great Eastern Reef being the crossroads of bass movements. Many of the techniques used here could be adapted to your home waters where large bass can be found.

Captain Bob Rocchetta and his world record 76 pound striper taken on a live eel at Montauk.

Great Eastern, in the past 10 years, has consistently produced the largest percentage of rod and reel trophy bass that I am aware of. Evidently, the different pieces of bottom structure are such that these large fish are comfortable here. A record fish of 76 lbs. was caught in 1981 and a 75 lb. bass was caught in 1985.

In the past five years, countless numbers of 50 lb.+ fish have been taken along with a handful of 60 lb+ fish each year. These 60 lb. fish are the remnants of the good year classes of the late 60s. With 1970 being a very dominant year class, many fish in the high 50s, low 60s are available. As these fish add 4 to 5 lbs. per year, they should reach the magic number of 80 lbs. from now through 1990.

If I had to bet on the next record fish, I would pick the 1987-1988 season and at Great Eastern.

By far, the best time to take these fish is at night. The technique I favor is drifting live eels. At night, boat traffic is at a minimum and schools of large bass work up onto the Great Eastern reef. With careful drifting over the feeding sites of the reef, larger fish can be taken. In the past, the full moon periods produced well, and with more fish available, the "full moon" periods at Montauk have become an institution. Other periods of the month are also producing as fishermen are experimenting more with daytime fishing on the "new moon." This involves using live bunker and mackerel. I have noticed that the moon period is not super critical, but is still the favored way of taking large bass. On a moonlit, windless night, there is a certain mystique attached to fishing under these conditions. Stripers seem to move in at dusk, as the preferred "major bite." At false dawn, for one to two hours, there is a "minor bite." In-between on the full moon periods, with the brighter conditions, bass might turn on during the middle of the night for 1 to 2 hours. Several days of fishing these periods will

develop a pattern of when the "bite" is likely to occur. One two two hours of bass cooperation can make for a good night. As fish respond to stimuli (tide, light, food), a profile can be developed for usually 3 to 4 days. When these conditions start to change, the "bite" changes. To effectively work these fish, you should allow yourself several nights continuous fishing or fish with a partner who is used to your techniques and alternate until a feeding pattern is developed. Then, by using this knowledge, these larger fish can be taken fairly consistently.

As I said before, 80 percent of my fishing is with live eels. The size I favor are **not** the small shoestring eel, but bait in the 14 to 18 inch size. The rig used is a fish finder rig using 2 to 80 pound barrel swivel, with 7 feet of 50 pound leader.

When drifting, the bait is lowered to the bottom and brought up 2 to 3 turns. The reel is in free spool with thumb on. When the fish hits, drop your rod tip, ease off on the thumb, throw into gear and strike. Use the lightest lead possible (usually 6 oz. and then depending on tide stage, 4 oz. or 8 to 10 oz.).

The following paragraph is the **key** to taking these fish. When starting the drift, you should move uptide approximately 100 yards to start the drift. Here is where your Loran is important as you will need your drift number. If you are to pursue these fish consistently, a log of drift numbers should be kept for each "target" piece you are to hit. Drift numbers from another person are not entirely accurate as each boat has its own drift characteristics. Remember, you are trying to hit a target, about as large as 30 to 40 feet. Now, one number is not the magic cure. As much as 6 to 7 numbers might be needed as wind conditions and change in velocity of tide will affect whether you hit the target consistently. Knowing how to interpret conditions will dictate the use of correct numbers. In the late 70s, before wide Loran usage, I would use a clear marker jug with a cyalume light stick to run up to and start drift. On foggy nights, you could not fish because to set up the jug, you needed visual shore ranges. When starting your drift, you should be drifting **flat** to the wind. When drifting down tide, you should be facing into the wind. This keeps your line away from the boat, not under. To get a flat drift, when stopping the boat to start drift, your prop or rudder should be positioned to catch the wind and and the drift. When fishing two rods out of the boat (preferred), one person should be near the bow, the other in the stern. This will give you a better spread. If the drift is off slightly, at least one rod will pass over the target.

After each drift, start your engine and run up **wide** 200 to 300 feet around the drift area. The constant running up over fish will definitely put them off. Remember, you are really **stalking** these fish.

As I said before, 80 percent of my night fishing is with eels. The rest of the time, bucktails and swimming plugs are effective.

Usually when the tide is strong, plug trolling with wire line is effective. This is true most often on the spring run of bass (June). As the fish are migrating from the Chesapeake to the Gulf of Maine, in the early part of the month, trolling with Danny and "J" plugs is very effective. Lately, the "J" plug is THE plug. This small 5 inch plug from the Great Lakes has really done a job on stripers. The standard hooks are removed and one 8/0 treble is put on. The beauty of the "J" plug is that when the fish takes, the plug slides up and you are fighting the fish on one single hook. The absence of other plug hooks takes away leverage and also makes release easier.

Usually with plugs, one out of three fish are lost because of the leverage factor. When trolled the "J" plug gives a very wild erratic pattern. At times, I jig the plug in a strong, erratic motion to give additional action. This is similar to jigging bucktails, but with a plug. It is definitely advisable to use a large 8/0 feather dropper with pork rind 4 feet ahead of the plug. Some nights all fish will be on the feather. Colors are not important as long as it is YELLOW!

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SUMMER SAFARI TO LAKE ONTARIO

by Tom Schlichter

"Fish of a lifetime!" Captain Bill Johnson called to my wife from his perch on the flying bridge. I could feel the sweat bead on my forehead as the salmon stripped the 12 lb. test mono off the reel at an alarming rate. He had hit the small spoon hard and now seemed intent on taking it with him somewhere in the general direction of the Genesee River. The morning's fishing was certainly living up to its reputation.

How would you like to start your day with a 15 to 20 lb. salmon, or maybe, the largest trout of your life? Pretty enticing thought, isn't it? Well, for tri-state anglers willing to make an overnight trip to the deep waters of Lake Ontario, the chances of doing so are pretty darn good.

Lured by claims of fast fishing for monster trout and salmon on this smallest of the great lakes, I had arranged a weekend fishing trip last June through Captain Bill Johnson of Odyssey Charters, Rochester, New York. Having spoken to Bill almost every week over the past year as he called in his freshwater report for The Fisherman's Long Island edition, I had almost grown accustomed to reports of brown and lake trout in the 4 to 8 lb. class, coho salmon to 12 lbs., steelheads exceeding 15 lbs., and chinooks that could weigh more than 40 lbs. What caught my eye most, however, were the numbers of fish usually taken. Five to ten of these world class monsters were more the norm than the exception. With my trout fishing restricted by geography to mostly streams and small rivers, I had never taken a brown exceeding 4 lbs. and as far as salmon were concerned, the only ones I had ever picked up came in cans. It seemed apparent to me that these claims of monster trout and salmon were in need of some good investigative reporting and I quickly decided that I was just the guy to do it.

Author and his wife Tina with a laker, brown trout and chinook salmon.

And so, following a little schedule changing and an 8 hour road trip, my wife Tina and I found ourselves staring out into the morning's haze as Bill's 26 foot "Barbara J" cleared the jetties at the mouth of Irondequoit Bay and broke into the vastness of the open lake. Surprisingly, my first impression of Lake Ontario was that its shoreline and water coloration in that particular area were very similar to that of Long Island Sound. Indeed, upon closer inspection, we were able to spot familiar looking towers and noticed that the chart recording showed water 70 feet deep only a short run off the beach. Quite similar to the area of the Sound which we frequently fish and much different than the shallow freshwater streams and dish-pan ponds in which we do our trout and bass fishing. A fleeting thought of bluefish crossed my mind and I could swear that for a moment I had caught a whiff of mossbunker—until a slight bit of spray hitting me in the face brought me back to a freshwater state of mind. Almost instantly, thoughts of monster trout and salmon again surfaced in my consciousness.

The day had started relatively early, with 6AM seeming to come around awful fast since we had spent a few hours at a local watering hole before turning in for the night. But, tired eyes were not about to stand in our way and we arrived at dockside raring to go. Now, as the big fish rolled on the surface more than 150 feet astern, I sensed a great satisfaction in feeling the pulse of one of North America's most exciting game fish. Unfortunately, the feeling would not be long lived as, at the start of a second run, the silver king managed to slip the hook. Still, the morning was young and before the day was through a 15 lb. salmon would grace the cooler along wth the two best

brownies I have yet to take (4.5 and 5 lbs.) and two lake trout in the 7 to 8 lb. class caught by Tina. Numerous smaller fish were returned to fight another day.

Due mostly to environmental problems, Lake Ontario was considered all but dead by recreational anglers only 20 years ago. With some tight regulation by the DEC and a cleanup effort which involved the entire waterfront community, however, things have changed around. Now this fishery serves as a shining example of persistence, regulation and recovery to all across America.

Beginning in 1972, the Department of Environmental Conservation introduced salmon and trout to these waters. Both had been present before the pollution problems occurred but populations were practically exhausted. Due to problems with contamination, commercial fishing was banned on the lake, however, a five fish per person limit was established for recreational anglers. As the trout and salmon responded positively to the stocking operations, the recreational fishing industry flourished; blossoming into one of the most successful in the naiton.

Captain Bill Johnson points out that many downstate anglers are mistaken when they think of this fishery as strictly spring for brown trout and fall for salmon. While these indeed are the peak seasons for these fish, there is a mixture of species taken throughout the summer. A typical trip will fnd anglers landing lake trout, browns, chinook salmon and possibly a steelhead trout or coho salmon. This summer action also provides a good shot at connecting with a real lunker. Last season, for example, the largest chinook (king salmon) taken on the Barbara J pushed the scale to 42 lbs. It was caught on August 3rd. Thus, the best time to head to Lake Ontario is whenever you have the free time.

The growth rate of the salmon is quite impressive. These fish are the Pacific variety and one year after stocking, most fingerlings have already attained a weight of 10 lbs. They will then add on an additional 10 pounds or so a year until dying after the spawning run sometime between year three and four. Can you imagine a three year old fish weighing 30 pounds? Because of the quick growth rate and the fact that the fish die off after only a couple of years, the fishery can easily be controlled and regulated by proper stocking procedures and angling regulations.

The primary method used to take trout and salmon on these charters is trolling. Now, I'll admit that the word "trolling" immediately conjures up negative connotations in my own mind based on some of my saltwater experienced. However, the trolling practiced here is vastly different. For starters, the tackle used is 12 lb. test gear. Penn and Daiwa levelwind reels are standard fare. The rods are usually long (about 8 feet) with whippy tips and strong butts—similar to the sticks favored by saltwater weakfishermen. Because the chance of hooking up with fish to 40 lbs. is always present, every hookup is exciting.

The usual lures include lightweight flutter spoons (Evil Eyes, Candlefish or Lightning lures) and 3 to 5 inch Rebels, Rapalas, and J plugs. These are normally worked 5 to 60 feet behind a downrigger or planer board.

While such tackle may slightly overmatch the numerous 2 to 4 lb. trout and salmon that you might encounter, it it absolutely necessary since the big lunkers seem to hit the same presentations. And keep in mind, too, that if you travel up to the big lake, it isn't likely that you made the trip hoping to catch a lot of "small fish," so be prepared for the big ones is the best course of action.

Because of the great strength and soft mouths of king salmon and steelhead trout, the drags are set relatively light. Hooking up is similar to open ocean fishing in that there is little structure for the fish to wrap your line around. Thus, light drags can be used to tire out a fish with little worry of broken lines. Although I didn't hook up with any steelheads on my trip, I can attest that the big salmon strike hard and run fast. A tight drag would certainly result in a broken line or hook torn free.

Freshwater fishing in today's world is extremely scientific. Long gone are the days of barefoot boys and rusty cans of worms. Summer fishing on Lake Ontario centers around the thermocline and skippers on this lake constantly read the water temperature as they troll along. Many mark the depths and temperatures where strikes occur on a chart and compare strikes to find the optimal feeding zone of the fish. After two or three fish are taken at the same depth or temperature, most of the lines will be set to work in the most productive strata.

Cashing in on Lake Ontario's bounty is not difficult as one might think. For tri-staters living near the coast, the trip up is not too arduous. Driving time from New York City is about 7 hours. Bostonians will make it in six. Once you arrive, you'll find hotel accommodations for $35 to $45 a night.

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Great Fishing Near Lake Ontario, Northeast Sportsman's Press, P.O. Box 188, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

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RIGGED EELS:
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by Russ Wilson

I don't think a bass hits any bait or lure with quite the viciousness it shows when attacking a slinky rigged eel. For reasons known only to the striped bass, an eel that's giving off a wounded appearance as it slithers and slides through the white water, triggers the killer instinct in bragging size linesiders and makes them want to destroy the slimy critter that has entered into their domain.

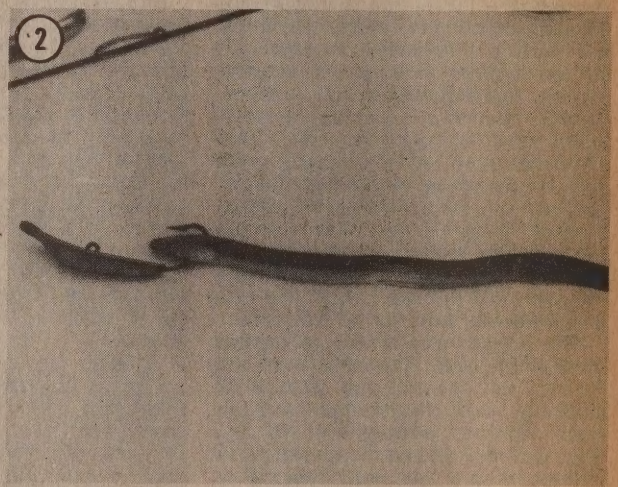
There is no mistaking the hit of a big striper that has decided to grab the eel. One moment you are unconsciously turning the reel handle to a steady cadence and the next it feels as if you've hung a wall. Everything stops! No muss, no fuss, one minute you are off in a dream world where every bass is a 50 plus pounder and the next you have all you can do to keep the fish from yanking the rod from your hand.

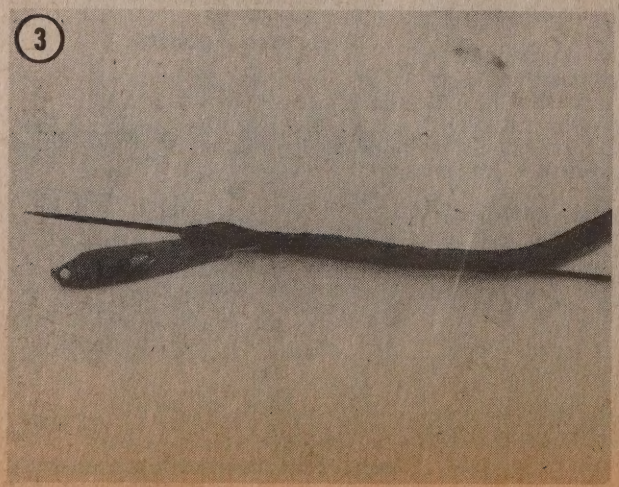
Stripers prowl the inshore shallows, feeding on a variety of bottom life. Crabs, mussels, clams, sea worms and many species of smaller baitfish including the sand eel (sand launce) and American eels are a ready food source, easily obtained most anywhere along the North Altantic Seaboard. There is no doubt that all of the above will catch striped bass. Some baits, however, are more effective than others. So it is with the American eel. Hungry striped bass will pounce on an eel like a domestic house cat picking off a mouse. Only difference is, the bass isn't about to play with his prey. When the bass attacks a rigged eel, it is for real.

My first encounter with striped bass and rigged eels occurred a long, long time ago. One of the "old-timers" who fished the Jersey coast rock piles, Harry Farah, introduced me to the joy of eeling and since then I've never been quite able to shake the malady.

Farah was a pro. He worked nights at one of the amusement centers on the Asbury Park Boardwalk and after work, usually midnight or later, he would don foul weather gear, grab a jetty rod, half a dozen rigged eels and be off to the rocks for a couple of hours of needed relaxation.

Like most striped bass fishermen of the 50s, Farah was secretive. He did not give away secrets and wasn't





particularly fond of other anglers, as many a would-be bass addict quickly discovered upon approaching harry when he was into bass.

At any rate, for some reason or other, Farah and I became arm's-length friends. Watching as I beat the water to a froth, night after night, Harry said little, but gradually became used to seeing me on the rocks and would exchange a muffled "hello" or maybe "how you doin'" before continuing his assault on the local striper population.

I guess Farah finally took mercy on an ignorant fool, which indeed I was. One night he passed me a brown paper bag containing a half dozen eels that he had rigged prior to leaving the amusement park. No tips, no indication of how I was to use the eels; he just handed me the bag and said I would catch big bass if I had the patience to learn how to fish his secret killer lure.

It would be a gross exaggeration if I were to say that I took a limit of big bass that night. I didn't. In fact, after four hours and a dozen jetties, I finally crept home with nothing to show for the night's efforts, but tired legs and sore arms.

The next night Farah stopped to chat. After asking how I made out he casually mentioned that he had caught four bass, all in the 20 lb. class. Harry said I didn't try hard enough, for the bass were there and the rigged eels had been tested to ensure they were swimming correctly.

This night he would show me how to fish the eels in a manner that bass could not resist. I have no idea why Farah decided to help me and not others, but am pleased that he did.

Harry was as shifty as a barn yard fox. If someone was already fishing a jetty he didn't bother to stop, preferring to find a spot that hadn't been touched. I don't know if he wanted solitude or just did not want to fish behind another jetty jock, but through the years we remained friends , Farah never did get too close to other bass fishermen.

Although no one can guarantee that a bait or lure will catch big striped bass, Farah's system of rigging eels is as close to the sure fire thing as I've found in more than 30 yars of haunting the Atlantic Coast jetties.

The secret to being a succcessful rigged eel fisherman is knowing exactly how to retrieve the eel. Work it too fast and you might catch an occasional bluefish or maybe a shark that has ventured into shallow water but you certainly will not damage the striped bass population. By the same token, a rigged eel that is retrieved too slow has about the same action as a wet sock, and is certainly no threat to the local stripers.

I use a cadence when retrieving an eel. By slowly counting one through four, with each revolution of the reel handle, I know the eel is out there doing its come-hither dance. So impor-

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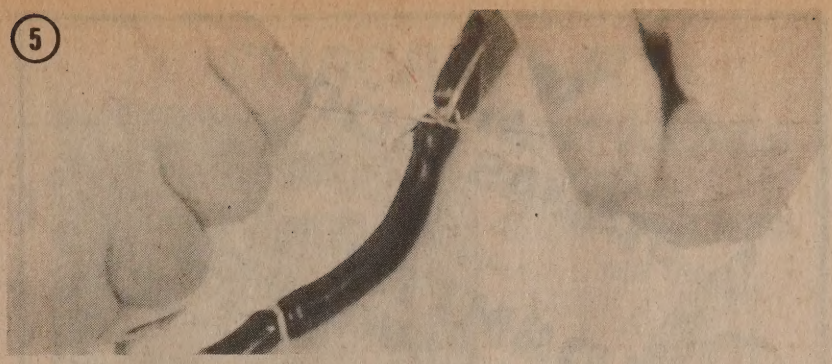

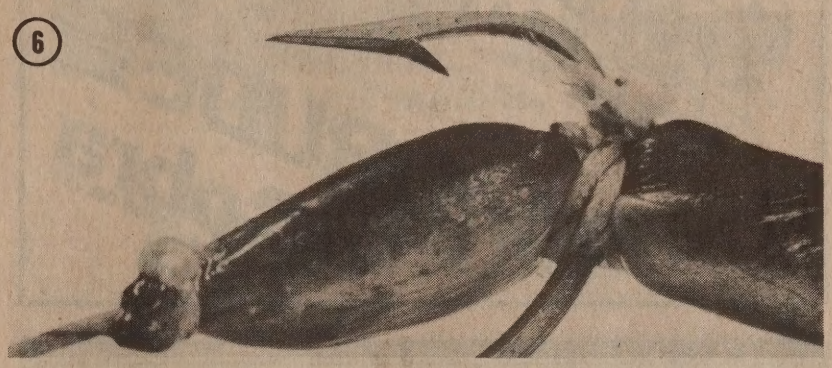

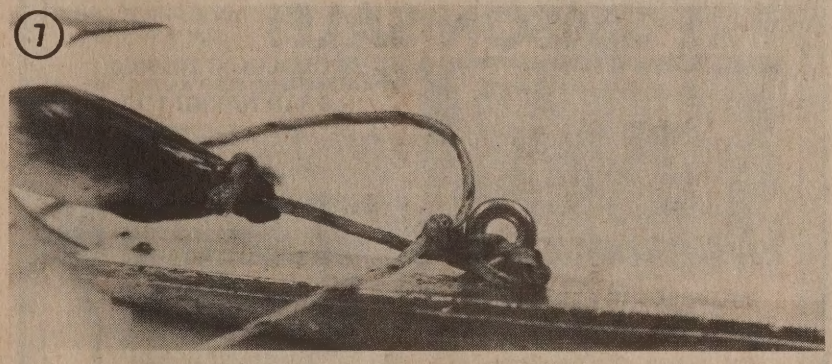

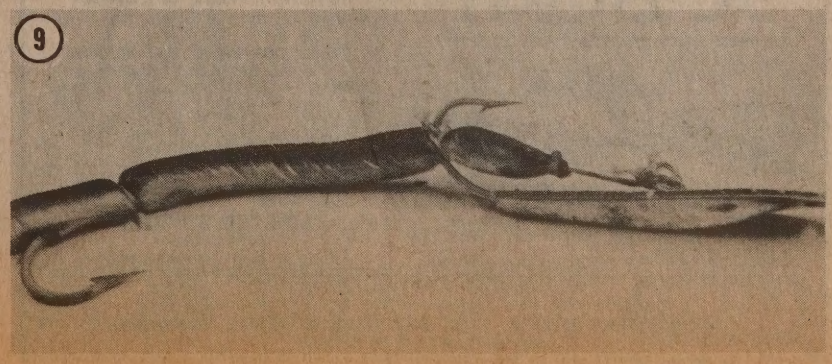

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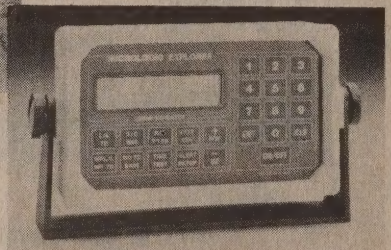
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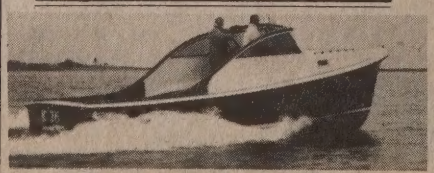
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tant is the rate of retrieve, that I have used the same make and model reel for more than 20 years!

You could do a lot worse than use rigged eels for catching bragging size stripers. I don't think you'll find a more effective lure or bait, provided you use it correctly.

There are basic steps in the rigging process that must be followed precisely. You will need live eels measuring 10 to 13 inches in length, a 12 inch carpet needle, a spool of 50 or 60 pound test black or braided dacron line, some 7/0 short shank tuna style hooks in silver, black or brown finish, and a supply of No. 4 eel squids. The eel squids can be purchased at most shore area tackle shops and are reasonably priced.

When selecting hooks for rigging eels, make sure they are a straight shank style and do not have an offset shank. This is critical, for an offset hook will cause the eel to swim at an angle and can ruin its natural appearance, making it less effective.

The accompanying series of photographs detail the rigging process and should be followed to the letter. It is imperative that you first attach the eel to the metal squid. If you try to thread the dacron line through the eel's body before hooking the eel onto the squid you chance cutting the line with the hook point.

I mention this little item because you will not be aware the line has been damaged until a big bass jumps on and decides to go elsewhere and by then, it's too late. The frayed line unravels under the pressure and your wall hanger escapes with nothing more than a sore mouth and maybe a 7/0 hook and some dacron line.

Like most, I learned this little point the hard way.

I use a light colored braided dacron to illustrate the photographs, but will normally rig eels with black line so it is less visible to bass.

A final note: when using rigged eels it is important that you learn how the eel feels when it is swimming "right." You will, of course, be doing all of your rigged eel fishing at night. It is impossible to see the eel or know how it looks in the dark.

I *always* give each rigged eel a short tryout before using it on the field of battle. If you have a swimming pool, you can test the eels at home, during daylight hours. If not, you'll have to arrive at the rock piles before dark to make sure the rigs are working correctly.

If you do decide to pre-test your rigged eels in the family swimming pool, I suggest you do it when the boss lady is out. Wives do not take kindly to having slimy critters sharing their swimming pool.

You can expect bass to respond to rigged eels when ocean water temperatures rise into the upper 50 degree range. Most years this will occur during June. From that time until November, it is hard to beat the rigged eel for taking bragging size stripers on night tides.

Photo One: These are the necessary ingredients: spool of dacron line, rigging needle, pliers, eel squids, 7/0 hooks, file and a supply of live eels.

Photo Two: Start off by running the hook through the head of the eel. It is important to place the hook so the barb severs the eel's neck bone. Place the hook beneath the chin of the eel and force it up and through the bone until it pierces the skin.

Photo Three: The carpet needle is used to carry the double line through the body of the eel and out to the eye of the metal squid. I loop the line through the eye of the needle, push it through the eel and then use a lark's head knot to attach the hook to the doubled line . This is a very secure knot that will not cause the line to fray.

Photo Four: This is how the rig should appear after you have pushed the doubled line through the eel and have tied in the tail hook.

Photo Five: Using a second piece of dacron, tie in the tail hook. Notice it is tied so the line crosses the eel at the same point where the eye of the hook is buried in the fleshy part of the eel. This knot is extremely important for it will keep the hook straight and allows the eel to swim in a straight line as it is retrieved.

Photo Six: The front hook, which is molded into the metal squid, is the final connection between the lure and eel. This is a vital knot and must be tied correctly. You will notice the squid is tied in so there is one turn in front of the hook and a second that lays behind the hook. Tied in this fashion, the eel is firmly attached and as the metal squid wobbles, the eel is given its natural swimming motion. A loose tie could result in a finished product that does not work correctly, so make sure the knots are tight as possible.

Photo Seven: You will need a short piece of line to tie the mouth of the eel closed. Some rigged eel fishermen do not tie the mouth closed, and I feel that they are missing fish that might otherwise catch. If the mouth is left open, small bubbles will form as the eel is retrieved and this can alert stripers that what appears to be an easy mark is actually a fake.

Photo Eight: The final step is to attach the metal squid to the doubled line. This is the area that receives most of the pressure from a big bass. Make sure your knots are tight and will not slip. You don't want to hook a 50 and have it escape because a poorly tied knot failed. I like to make one tie in front of the eye of the hook and a second tie behind the hook. This way, if one knot should fray or is nicked by a sharp edge rock, I still have the added insurance of a second, equally strong knot between the squid and tail hook.

Photo Nine: The finished product. After making sure all knots are tied correctly and will not slip, use a pair of pliers or scissors to clip the lines 1/8 inch from the eel so they are not as visible to the fish and you're ready.

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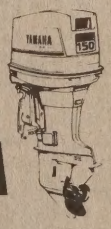

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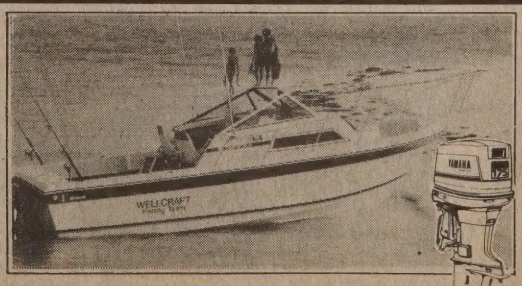

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FLUKER'S SIX PACK

by Pete Barrett

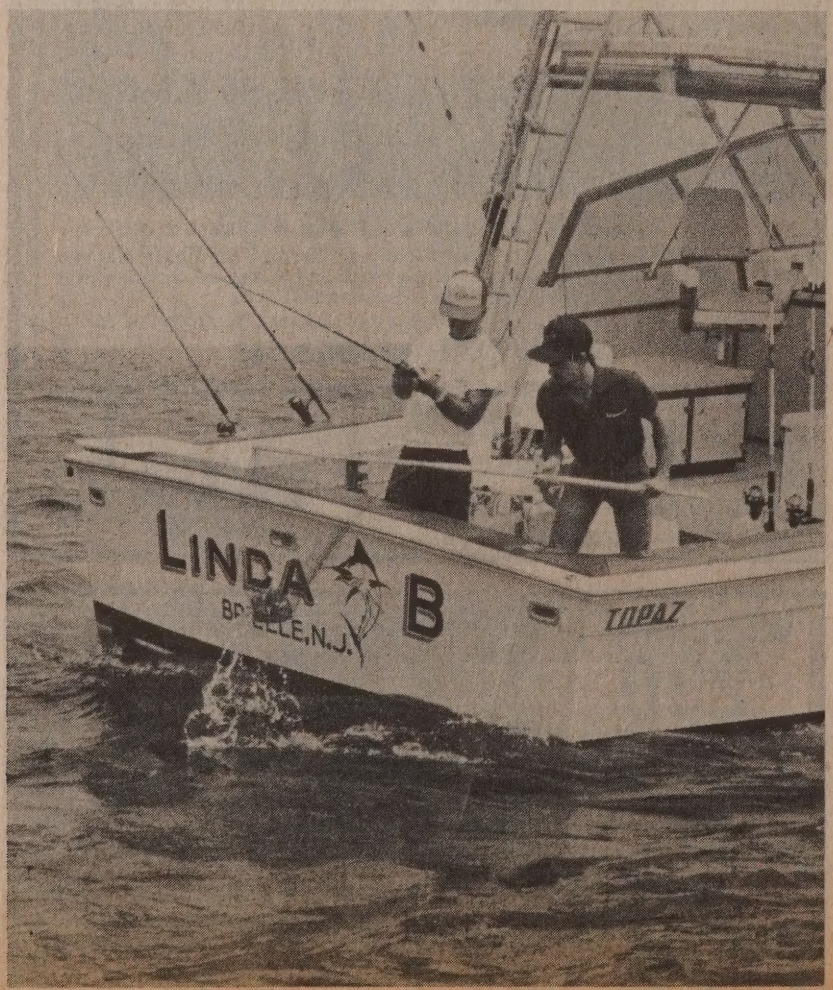
Here are a half-dozen tips to increase your catch of summer flounder.

It's always smart to pay attention to an older fisherman. They've been doing it longer than you and they have years of experience to draw from to make sure they take the best advantage of each day's fishing. Many times their coolers will weigh more than yours as they outfish you.

Stationed at Little Creek, Virginia while doing Navy time, I'd head to Hatteras every chance I could to fish the beaches. I had no beach buggy but usually made out pretty well just hitchin' rides from friendly surf fishermen.

One old-timer in particular went out of his way several times to help me get to a good spot. He could talk up a storm while riding in the buggy, spittin' Red Man out the window every few minutes, but once we got to fishing, he'd clam right up and wouldn't say more than a few words until once again back behind the wheel of the buggy bouncing over the sand tracks.

The guy drove me nuts. He was obviously a good bottom fisherman and he always caught many more flounder and blues than I did, but what was the worst part, he'd never tell me how he did it. I cast where he did, used identical tackle and even stole one of his rigs so I could tie my own when I got back to the base. No matter how closely I matched his techniques I couldn't match his success with summer flounder.



A tasty summer flounder is brought aboard the Linda B by Rich Reina.

Oh, I caught fish, just never as many as him. One day, though, when we stopped to weigh in a particularly large flounder he had caught, his secret got out. As Bob Eakes of Red Drum Bait and Tackle put the fish on the scale, it slipped and fell from his hands. A strip of mackerel belly slid out of the fish's mouth. "Look at this," Bob called to another surf fisherman standing nearby, "Pop's still using mackerel to catch these big flatties."

Pop grinned at me and finally offered some advice. "Cut the belly of a mackerel into strips and you'll get a big one like this." And I did, too. It took me the rest of the summer, but in September, just before I was free of Uncle Sam, I did hook into and land a 7 pounder. Yes, it hit a mackerel strip.

The mackerel at Hatteras were Spanish mackerel and a ready supply could be had just by tossing small metal squids into the surf. It was no big deal to get a fresh mackerel on most any day that you needed bait. For the last 15 years I've remembered that lesson and back home in New Jersey I've used Boston mackerel belly strips to help add to my take of fluke, especially on the early run of fish in late May and early June.

Many fluke fishermen overlook bucktails as a good lure to catch fluke, yet the old-time bucktail catches more than just weakies and bass. Summer flounder jump all over a well presented bucktail and occasionally the bucktail will be more productive than any other method.

I fish the bucktails alone or as a replacement for the sinker on a bait rig. Casting a 3/8 to 3/4 ounce bucktail in shallow water bays can be deadly on fluke. Add a strip of squid or fish belly and it can fool many a decent sized fluke. The retrieve should bounce the bucktail off the bottom as it is worked back to the boat.

You can also use the bucktail in place of a sinker. It adds color, action and another hook to the rig. One-and-a-half to two ounce ball headed bucktails are my favorites and again a strip bait is added for smell and action. There will be days when the heavy bucktail at the bottom of the rig will outcatch the baited hook positioned about 12 to 18 inches above it.

Several tackle shops along the coast are selling tiny skirts that look much like miniature "green machines" but

instead of being 10 to 12 inches long they are only 2 to 4 inches in length and really wow the fluke on some days. They are available in traditional colors like blue, green, silver and white and also in fluorescent green.

I rig the skirts by cutting a tiny hole in the head end of the skirt and then slip the skirt over the hook from the barb up the shank towards the snell knot. The skirt will lock in position once slid onto the snell. Too large a hole in the skirt and it won't stay in place on the snell and will slide up and down the leader.

Dirty baits spook a lot of fluke. If the squid strip is digging into the sand and digging up "lettuce" it won't catch fish very well. The ideal bottom rig will put the bait about 6 to 12 inches off the bottom, not into the bottom. Experiment with different length distances between the hook leader and the sinker to get the bait riding correctly.

A good fluke rig will have about a 24 to 30 inch hook leader tied 6 to 24 inches above the sinker. On a slow drift the distance can be short, but on a fast drift the length from the leader to the sinker must be increased to compensate for the greater scope or angle in the line.

Freshwater fishermen use buoys all the time to mark good fishing spots. While you don't see buoys used as much in the salt, they are an excellent way to pinpoint a productive fishing spot. If you don't want to attract other anglers, use an old soda can with a plastic lid like the kind sold in supermarkets. This makes the can watertight and then tape a length of line with a sinker at the end directly to the can.

It will look like some sloppy person dropped the can over the side when in reality the can is marking a good piece of bottom holding fluke. Use a bright colored can like Orange or 7-Up since a white or silvered color is very hard to see against the white wave tops. Of course, you can use fancier marker buoys but you run the risk of many other nearby boaters also homing in on your fishing spot.

Many fluke fishermen stay close to the beaches or inlets and yet there are some great fluke spots a mile or two off the beach. You can use shore ranges to line up a good spot once you've found it, or you can use Loran TDs to record the exact location for future reference and return trips to that spot.

If you don't have a Loran look for the inshore lobster pots and work your drifts by using the pot markers as a reference. The lobstermen don't put the pots down in that spot because there is nothing there!

There's few things in the world as calming as a day or morning spent fluke fishing. While the fishing is fun, it gets even better when you can catch more fish and to pick up the tempo of the slow days. The six tips mentioned here should add a few summer flounder to your cooler during this season.

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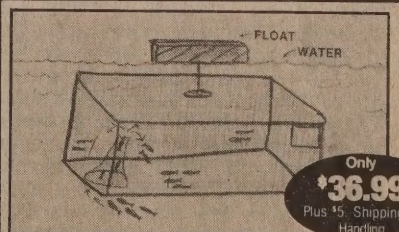

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THE REAL McCOY

by Matt Ahern

Yep, I did it again. Another ringer. I first wrote this story some five-six years ago; therefore, I'm the first to admit some of you fellows will find it familiar. (And I hope you will enjoy the re-reading.) But my real reason for the repeat is to bring to light the effort being made by The Fisherman to "Send A Kid Fishing." I'll tell you, fellers, when I was a kid, I believe I would have sold out to the highest bidder in order to share in a program such as this.

Even during the rough times of the day all those many years ago, I felt I was the luckiest of the lucky. I say this because as a fish-happy kid I had been reared in a Brooklyn neighborhood that abounded with dedicated bottom fishermen. Many of these great fishermen I have written about; some still await their turn. I guess you might say that in my childlike way I loved them all. And I sometimes think they, in their rough-and-ready way, also felt kindly to me, though I must admit that I did bedevil them more than somewhat and that they had every right to tell me to "get lost." But none ever did.

Though it causes my eyes to mist when I say this, these great fishermen are no longer with us. This, of course, is understandable, for while I was a knee-pants kid of 12 at that time I wish to tell you about (1926), these wonderful old-timers were pushing the half century mark; some in fact had already passed that milepost and were a decade or two older. Ancient though they may have been to my young eyes, I felt most comfortable with them. For they were kind and they were good.

As I say, all these great neighborhood fishermen were advanced in age at the time—except one. Peter McCoy. And it is Peter McCoy I wish to tell you about.

I can't tell you much about Peter's early life or boyhood in "the ould country," for these were rarely discussed. I do recall his telling me how he and his grandfather used to troll for cod and pollock (coalfish, he called the pollock) from the offshore reaches of a certain spit of land jutting out from Ireland's rocky coast, not far from his home. I wish now I could recall exactly how they went about it, for their method seemed always successful.

Why Peter decided to leave Ireland for America, I don't know, except to say he was in his early teens when he arrived here. He was enchanted with America and sincerely loved his new country with a passion rare today. I remember when I knew him well he used to say: "Lad, 'tis a wonder, your America. Never let her down."

And to prove he meant every word, he had applied for U.S. citizenshiop and had taken out his "first papers" as soon as it was possible for him to do so. And upon becoming a new citizen a year or so later, his joy knew no bounds, for he often spoke about it. When I inquired as to his having any difficulty doing this, I can still hear that musical voice saying: "Not one bit, lad, me knowin' the language an' all. And bein' so desperate, too." Then came a grin. "Of course, the judge bein' from the ould country didn't hurt, either."

But I knew there had to be more to it than that. "Didn't you have a sponsor?" I asked. "Someone to vouch for you?"

"Oh, sure—Sam Shapiro. You know, the dry goods store man around the corner. He sponsored me. And you know his daughter, Judith, the school teacher. She was studyin' to be one then and she used to come by evenings with books and things and put me through me paces. Sure, lad, 'tis grand and thankful I am for such fine people...an' such a fine country."

And that's all I knew about Peter McCoy when I first met him.

Well, as I said, those old-timers in my neighborhood were willing to teach me what they knew, but few offered to take me along on their highly successful fishing trips. At the time I could understand their reluctance, being as how they were so set in their ways and didn't relish the thought of a gabby kid pestering them throughout the day. To have a kid horn in on their gab fests was all new to them, I suppose, for most kids my age were out playing baseball, or having their features rearranged on the football field. I guess Peter noticed this reluctance too, for one mid-September evening he said to me: "Say, lad, how would you like to go jetty fishing with me? Perhaps next Sunday; for sea bass and maybe blackfish?"

There could be only one answer to that.

So Peter visited my parents the next evening and explained about the fishing and asked for permission to take me. No trouble at all—and Peter and I made plans. "We'll go next Sunday morning, Marty boy. You be ready at the curb at 6:30 and I'll pick you up. I'd like to go a mite earlier, but a growing boy needs his sleep. So 6:30's okay."

I tried to convince him that where fishing was concerned, I really didn't

need sleep and that I wouldn't be able to sleep, anyway. But Peter would hear none of it. "I'll have the tackle, and Mrs. McCoy will make lunch for us, and we'll find our own bait; so don't worry about a thing."

Well, several days had to come and go before that Sunday arrived and they passed with the speed of growing grass. I not only counted each and every one, I prayed diligently for good weather. The days passed and I'm sure the good Lord listens to boys who want to go fishing so bad they can taste it, for the weather held. I was at the curb at least a half-hour before the appointed time. And finally, chugging from around the corner came Peter McCoy...and his air-cooled Franklin sedan.

We were on our way to the Far Rockaway jetties.

But first we had to make two stops. One for a little breakfast "to satisfy the inner man," as Peter called it, and two, there was the question of bait. We stopped somewhere on Cross Bay Blvd. for breakfast and then we continued on to Broad Channel where, just before the bridge (no toll then), Peter pulled the car off the road and drove into an area containing the crumbling ruins of a long-deserted amusement park. It was an authentic ghost town.

From the back seat of the Franklin, Peter removed two identical lengths of 2X4s, each about 5-6 feet long. From a pocket he removed a carriage bolt and used it to connect the 2X4s. These, I noticed, were angle-cut at one end and when butted together at the top and secured with the bolt and a wing nut, he had a broad-based V.

This was all mystery to me but when I followed Peter into the ready marsh at water's edge, that mystery was quickly solved. All about us were thousands of scurrying and rustling fiddler crabs. Real native China-backs, not the trucked-in sort we have today. (Of course, DDT was unheard of then.)

It was a simple trick to reach down and grasp a handful, but Peter said his trap would work better. The apex of the V was placed about 10 feet in from the shoreline and the trap's legs toward the water's edge. When Peter was satisfied with the arrangement, he told me to walk with him from the water to the trap. "Be careful now, lad, don't step on 'em," he cautioned.

It was like roundup time at the old corral. Hundreds of those panicky fiddlers marched right into the trap, where they immediately bunched themselves at the narrow end. All we needed, Peter said, was a quart, and this amount went quickly into the bait pail. The trap was then disassembled and we were off to the jetty. It had taken longer to set up the trap and take it apart than it did to catch our fiddlers. (Those truly were the days.)

With September's end but a few days off, Far Rockaway was as barren of life as the Sahara. Not a swimmer or bather to be seen. The entire area was left to the gulls, the wind and, of course, jetty fishermen—and even then, there weren't too many of these. Peter and I walked along the beach until we came to the one jetty he said was the best. We clambered over the rocks to the end, where Peter set up our tackle.

"I'll cast for you, Marty. One of these days soon I'll have to teach you how to do that." And so saying, he cast out the rig and handed me the rod. "Wait for a good, solid bite and try to hook 'im."

I waited. I waited for a good, long time—and then I felt it: a tick, nothing more.

"Peter!"

"Something, lad?"

"I think so; but it's gone now. No—no it isn't! I got one, Peter, I got one!"

And I reeled in a 1/2 pound sea bass.

"Oh, but you're a great fisherman, lad," Peter encouraged. "I couldn't do better myself. Now, be careful gettin' the hook out. Watch those fins. Easy now, lad, easy. Don't rush so. There's more down there." And on and on he spoke, taking time to answer all my questions, questions which up to then had never occurred to me to ask.

It was sometime before I realized something was amiss. "Peter, why aren't you fishing?" I asked. He looked at me and I detected a flush.

"But I am, lad; I am. Through you I'm fishing. I don't expect you to understand that now, but someday you'll know what I mean. Someday, the saints willin', you'll have children of your own. Then you'll know. Then you'll know."

Of course, Peter was right and many a day I watched my children and my neighbor's children become just as enthusiastic as I was then. And I knew exactly how Peter felt that day so far away in the long ago.

I caught seven sea bass that day, all about the same size. But no blackfish. Peter had the answer to that—Peter had the answer to everything. "The water's still too warm, I think," he said. "I'm sure that's it. Now if we wa wait another two weeks, I'll bet we get 'em. Can you wait that long, lad?"

There were many things Peter told me that day. Tides and their effect on fish, currents and their effect on the way fish bite. All these things and more he told me. He had a good pupil, for I remembered them all. And as I became older and more involved with fish and fishing, I found I could fault him on nothing. Yes, Peter McCoy was quite a fisherman. We are not likely to see many of his kind today.

Peter even had a way of ending the day. We stopped at the area where we had caught our fiddler crabs and those we had leftover were released. "Always be kind to the poor creatures of the world, lad, and the good Lord will be kind to you."

I guess you might say that this Peter McCoy of so long ago was truly the real McCoy.

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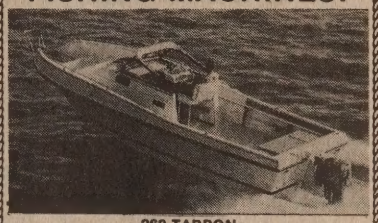

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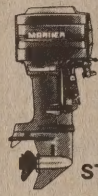

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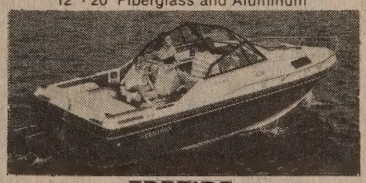

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by Gary Caputi

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Photo Four and Five: Holding the unit like a frisbee, take aim and throw it in one clean, smooth motion. The net will leave the Netmaster in a slowly spinning motion that allows it to open to its full width before hitting the water.

Photo Six: The person in these pictures had never thrown a cast net before and this photo is his very first attempt using the Netmaster. Note that the net is flying perfectly and it hit the water right where he wanted it to. After 20 more perfect tosses, we were believers.

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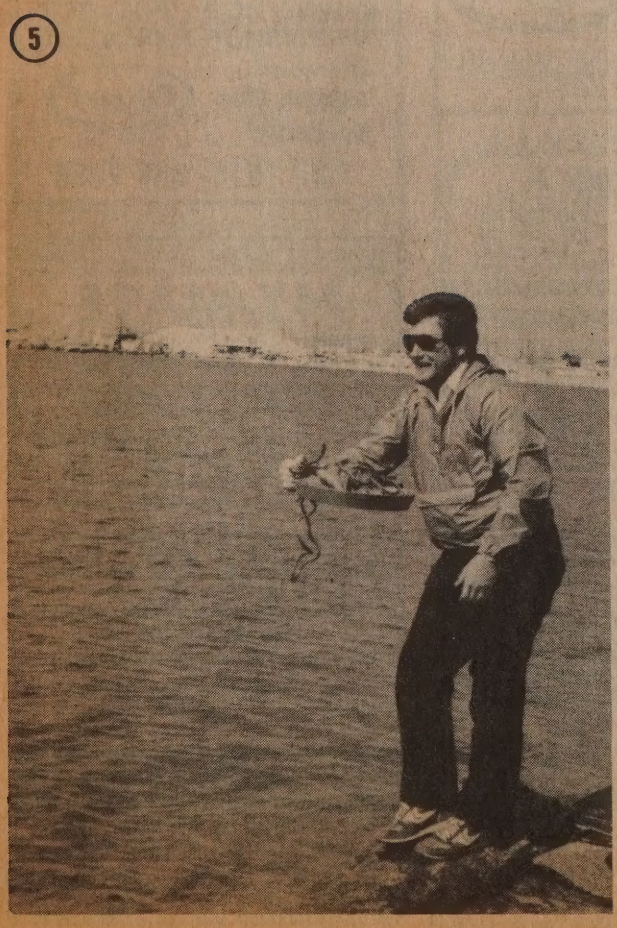
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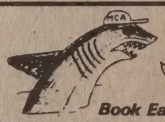

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The article also said, "Each person who enters will receive a Capt. Nappi fluke rig." This was an error. We will have lots of Capt. Nappi fluke rigs to be given as prizes at the awards ceremony. However, with up to 2,000 people expected to compete in this next derby, it would be impossible to give away that many fluke rigs.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

While holiday weekends are often disappointing for most anglers, bluefish filled in the slack, allowing anglers to fill their coolers in short order. Flounder remain picky; pollock erratic; cod catches stable; blackfish excellent, with a few sea bass and porgies coming into the picture.

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A few spots are open for this weekend's **Viking** Georges Banks Cod trip. Anglers who were on the past three trips have called us to report fantastic catches of cod, with larger fish entering the picture. First hand reports include the catch of 75 cod by John McCann of Ronkonkoma who also spoke of seeing and experiencing many double headers and even a four bagger by anglers using jig/jellyworm combinations on a Friday-Sunday trip. John Girolamo caught 73 cod on last Monday's trip and reported that Karl Baumle and his son combined for 153 including a 51 pounder which was not in the pool. Using only jellyworms, the "galley girls", Anita and Linda hauled in 137 cod. Greenport's Matt Billerman phoned in hs report: 88 cod and 10 pollock caught on this weekend's trip. High hook was 101 cod by Dennis Scanlon. Pool was tied when John Morniery and Bob Rojos each hauled in a 42 pound cod.

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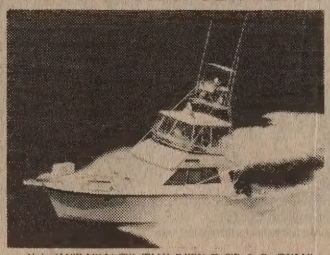

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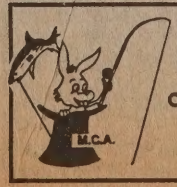

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flounder were slow, blackfish catches picked up the slack, with most anglers returning with one or two dozen. Best blackfish catch made at the marina was on the 'Hot Tuna' which returend with 55 blackfish, top weight 11½ pounds. Pollock catches slowed, however, some fluke and porgies have been picked up.

A ten percent discount on boat rentals offered on Wednesdays by Henry will remain in effect through June. Best call for reservations at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** first. Flounder action slacked in the Lake on the weekend with many anglers reporting catching smaller flounder, but also many eels. Yong Kim and his friend rented one of the large boats, fished at the Bell Buoy catching 11 blackfish to 7 pounds. Highlighting their catch however, were a few flounder which were included in their sushi lunch on the water.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** caught 2 dozen cod, some reaching 20 pounds on both days of the weekend while fishing at CIA. Saturday's trip was arranged by Jeff Becker of Huntington; Sunday's by Lenny Savino of Brooklyn. On both days, plenty of blues were caught on the way back. Capt. Lewis will begin

sharking on June 1st. Reports of loads of tuna off Cat Cay have picked up the spirits of all offshore charter captains.

Blackfish took the spotlight at **Captain's Cove Marina** on the weekend when good catches of large blackfish were brought in. Capt. Ed on the 'Three Star' fished Montauk's south side on Sunday locating 50 blackfish, the largest hitting 12½ pounds on the marina scale. Several dozen blues topped off the catch. Some sea bass have entered the picture. Thirty five blacks hit the deck of the 'Get-A-Way' on the weekend, largest 10 pounds. Cod remain in the picture, with boats returning with up to a couple dozen a trip. Last week, five year old Paul Resulich caught his first cod ever, all 12 pounds of it, on the 'High Hook'. Total catch on the boat was 29.

Capt. Jay Rigano experienced a slow pick of cod on Friday's charter on the **Lori-Jay** with John, Tony and friends from **John's Gun and Tackle** of New Rochelle. Sunday's trip with Chip Buonavente and friends from General Motors of Tarrytown had to settle for the excitement of catching 18 cod, with two of them over 30 pounds.

The **Sea Boots** with Capt. Charlie Martinez is now back in Montauk at **Tuma's Dock** and will be sailing for shark and tuna beginning June 1st. Capt. Charlie has only a few choice dates left. Call for charter information.

Sixty five bluefish went into the fish boxes on the 'My Toy II' said Jim Grubb. While some fish took jigs, most were caught by Jim, Sonny, John and Eric trolling wire at Pollock Rip and near the Point on Sunday.

Anglers on the **Julie III** were into blacks and blues on the weekend. Capt. Ron Grandinetti reported 2 very good days with blacks on the south side and with blues at the Point. Joe Kostner and friends from Squaw Island Fishing Club returned home with 50 blacks from 3 to 7½ pounds, along with 28 blues on Saturday. Sunday's trip with Pete the 'Coffeeman' loaded up with 68 blacks, top weight 12 pounds topping the catch. They also had two dozen blues.

Capt. Michael Potts enjoyed good cod catches during the week fishing at CIA and Block Island, averaging two dozen cod per trip. Catches include a couple of cod over 20 pounds per trip, with one cow of 37 pounds on Saturdav.

Capt. Bob Sztorc found 25 flounder for a group that included Gary, Warren and Mike 'Flounder King' Contessa. The **Caprice** fished various spots at Gardiners Island and off Rocky Point. Heavy chum was a necessity.

Capt. Bill Ricca reported his best flounder trip of the week took place on Thursday, with John Wesley, his dad and friends. Two dozen flatties, along with a half dozen blackfish were located off Gardiners Island. While flounder fishing has been picky at best, this trip saw true snowshoes on the **Alyssa Ann**, since four of the fish weighed between 3¼ and 3½ pounds. Monday's group arranged by Bob Trzeszkowski settled in for blackfishing, reporting three bushels, top weight 11 pounds.

Capt. Paul Giangreco fished off Gardiners on Saturday on the **Fisherman II** with Jerry and Norman from the Stony Gate Pheasant Preserve, catching 11 blacks, top weighed 8 pounds, and 22 flatties, top weight 3½ pounds. An overnight codfish trip (Sunday through Monday) resulted in 45 cod to 32 pounds with a few ling and hake. Anything can happen offshore, however. When Capt. Paul began to reset the anchor at daybreak, the anchor ball was attacked by a very large thresher shark that was apparently attracted by its sudden movement. While the ball was slapped by the thresher's tail, neither it nor the thresher were harmed.

Anglers on the **Lazybones** enjoyed a fair pick of flounder on weekend trips, according to Capt. Michael Vegessi, with a couple of flounder pushing two pounds in weight. A few blackfish on flounder rigs, fishing under the light added excitement to the weekend's catches.

Capt. Steven Forsberg reports continued decent cod fishing on the **Viking Star** with a dozen anglers enjoying a good catch last Monday; a 27 pound pool winner on Friday's trip at Cox's Ledge. About 200 cod, including a 44 pounder and a 33 pound pollock were caught by 55 anglers at the Ledge on Saturday.

Fishing with **Edelman's** Lou Rosado and Nick Matzkiw on the 'Sea Whimp' we experienced a slow pick of Gardiners Island flounder, catching a total of a dozen flatties, along with a half dozen blackfish, fishing in what normally would be hot spots on Sunday. We'll try black or blues next time!

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cock. A few fluke around.

Capt. Clark Bellows reported an excellent day with large flounder on Sunday, fishing in Long Island Sound on the **Wilhelric II**. All flatties were large (from 1½ to 2¼ pounds) and located off Orient in varying depths of water. Mastic resident Pete Russo accounted for 11 flounder. Fifteen nice blackfish rounded out the catch. Several trips to Gardiners Island during the week were disappointing.

Capt. Artie Lach enjoyed red hot fishing last Tuesday and Wednesday. A group from the Southampton PBA hauled over 300 blues Tuesday night while on Wednesday anglers averaged 15 to 20 blues per man. Naturally fishing slowed on the weekend, when blues hid for the holidays. However, nine weakfish were caught on the **Wilhelric II** on Sunday night's trip. A tiderunner of 14 pounds, caught by Lee Young took the pool. Ratio of blues to weaks is now 2:1, with great expectations of good weakfishing for the next couple of weeks. One delighted anglers found that a six pound fluke was attracted to his baited hook. A few porgies have been caught on night trips.

Catch of the week at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** had to be the doormat fluke brought in by Nick Pagnatella. The 12 pound 10½ ounce fluke fancied a jellyworm that Nick drifted off Jessup's Neck on Saturday while fishing for weakfish. A few weakfish were brought into the marina, however bluefish action, especially at South Ferry has cut into weakfish catches.

While flounder catches were slow on Saturday, activity picked up Sunday in Shinnecock's basket area. Anglers based at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** reported decent catches of nice size flatties. John Martin and Joe Ferret combined for a catch of 21. Dee and Joe Eisenger put 15 big fish on the 'Haleakala'. Pete Schroeder fishing on the 'Red Eye' returned with 13. Offshore explorations were unproductive.

Good flounder catches from both Shinnecock's Basket and East Channel were reported by Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, with best results on the incoming tide on the weekend. Flounder were averaging 1½ to 2 pounds. While hordes of blues hindered weakfish catches during the week in the Peconics, a few weakfish were caught at South Race and off the brickyard at Southold, one on a flounder rig. Best weakfishing is of course during the hours of least boat traffic. Sea bass catches were made on the Bridge Wreck (ocean) on the weekend.

We spoke to Bob 'Butcher Boy' Dane at **Mariner's Cove Marina**, who reported that flounder were steady, except for Saturday, at Shinnecock's Basket and off the Sand Bar at the East Channel. Fluking efforts were rewarding for some anglers, who managed a few in the 3 to 4 pound range drifting East Channel. Schools of bluefish are roaming the bay, occasionally hitting flounder rigs. Small tins worked well for many anglers.

Al Flexer reported large sea robins in the Shinnecock Canal on the weekend, however, a few 15 and 16 inch fluke were plucked from the canal by Al Siegel, Larry Steiglele and himself using both Feather and Flash Jigs. A few weaks, mostly small, have been caught and released.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Excellent flounder fishing continues to highlight the reports from Great South and Moriches Bays. Super fishing was the rule rather than the exception on days when the weatherman cooperated. Lots of bluefish inside both bays and inlets, but weakfishing remains very, very picky. Fluke fishing continues to gain momentum with several nice fish in the 4 to 5 lb. class among catches made in the Fire Island Inlet area this weekend. The fine late run of flounder

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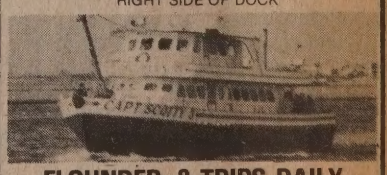

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MORICHES BAY & INLET

Captain Ron Sleuter of the Moriches based **Alma fleet** described the flounder fishing as good on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with somewhat of a slowdown on Monday. Friday's trip saw 14 year old Chris Holander claim high hook honors with 44 flatties. Fishing is being done from buoys 27 through 36.

Captain Russ Hodges of the Center Moriches based charter boat **Shaman** also spoke of very good flounder fishing this week. He fished a party headed by Howard Leach, a winner of a free trip on the Lorry Mangan fishing show, on Friday. Howard's party finished up with 120 flounder. The catch included a 2.5 lber. taken by Jim Kahn. Fishing was done at buoy 29 and at the West Cut. A few porgies beginning to mix with the flounder according to the skipper.

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches, Gary Grunseich told of excellent flounder fishing from buoy 29-41 on both tides. Red dyed clams and worms working best in the bait department along with mussel or clam chum. Most boats over the holiday weekend returned with catches of anywhere from 40 to over 100 flatties. On Saturday, Joe Pellzman and John Miletich teamed to put over 100 flatties in their cooler. On Sunday, Matt and John Viol topped the century mark.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

"The docks have been quiet as flounder appear to have moved out of the back bay, but boatmen are enjoying excellent fishing in both Moriches and Great South Bays." This, according to Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue. For example, Bob Wyick, Ed Salisbury and 10 yr. old Chris and Lou Paparo corralled 140 flatties up to 2½ lbs. on Saturday. The foursome fished near buoy 32 in Moriches Bay. On Monday, Ed Kerr and Ted Dunlop put away 45 nice flounder at Ocean Beach and the lighthouse. Bill Kenney scored with a couple of fluke on Sunday including one that measured 23 inches and was estimated at about 5 lbs. He used spearing. Lots of guys sampled the fluke this week according to Paul and a couple of guys trekked offshore for sharks on Monday, but did not report back. A quiet week on weakfish with the last two fish weighed last Monday. Tony Lo had fish of 8 and 9 lbs. at Ocean beach on white jelly worms that day. There was some encouraging news from

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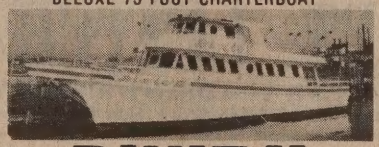

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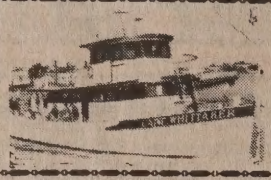

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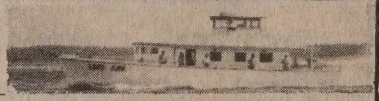

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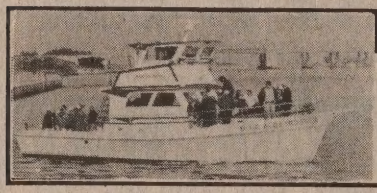

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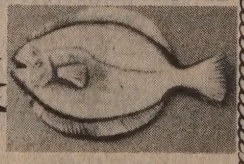

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Peconic Bay. On Friday, Dennis Scognimillo and Ray Souter put away 6 weaks to 9 lbs. and a 7 lb. blackfish while working the South Race with jelly and sand worms.

Dave Canale at **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale, said that everyone has been praising the flounder fishing with customers reporting very good fishing at Clam Pond, Farm Shoals, the Sore Thumb and East and West Islands. A few weaks picked this week at Ocean Beach and West Channel. A 12.14 lber. was weighed during the week and entered in the shop's season long contest. Chip Libertino has been doing a nice job on big porgies to over 3 lbs and sea bass up to 5 lbs. He was working inside the bay in the vicinity of the lighthouse.

From **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in East Islip, John Albanese told of a catch of 55 flatties for John Kropa who fished alone a little east of the Robert Moses Bridge. He used blood worms and mussel chum. A few weaks being picked on sand worms near Atlantique and shore fishermen continue to do well at the north end of the Robert Moses Bridge on flounder. Danny Koerner joined John on Saturday and the pair put away 20 flatties, along with a couple of short fluke.

"Many fine catches of flounder made again this week," according to Jim Romano at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in East Islip. On Saturday Jack Pielkington nailed 60 flatties each of the RM bridge on bloodworms. On Saturday, Doug and Richie put away 3 dozen flatties from shore at the north end of the Robert Moses bridge. Judy Galleto and her husband sampled the fluke fishing on Sunday aboard their Par Five IV. Drifting sand eel and fluke belly combos from the lighthouse to the CG Station, the couple put away a dozen fluke up to 4.2 lbs. Weakfishing continues at a very picky pace. Peter Jackits did manage to put a 9 lber. aboard his new Rainbow Runner III on Monday. The fish took a sand worm in West Channel.

Over at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in Bay Shore, Carl Miller labeled the flounder fishing as very good with many excellent catches being made at the lighthouse, Clam Pond, South Beach and the Thumb. Catches of 40 to 60 flatties per boat are common. Carl said that he didn't see a weak on the weekend, but he did check a few during the week taken at West Channel. One guy had a dozen keeper fluke along with a 46 inch striper which grabbed a sand eel bait on the west side of the Robert Moses bridge during the week. One customer weighed a 12.6 lb. blue that was taken on a popping plug near WEst Isand. Lots of small blues roamed the bay and inlet, and there are small blackfish on the Kismet Reef.

Super flounder, some blackfish and blues all over the bay and inlet for boatmen, according to Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle**. Best bet for shore casters looking for flounder has been the Robert Moses Pier at the turns of the tide. Tom Murray

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weighed a 2.11 lb. flattie that he took on the Capt. Dan on Sunday. Tommy Ross clicked with a 12 lb. blackfish from a local shore spot on Friday, while Robert Erskine decked an 8.8 lb. black on the **Miss Captree** on Saturday.

Captain Andy Buglione of the Captree charter Boat **Cap'n Andy** has been cashing in on the fine flounder run. On Saturday a group from St. Joseph's Hospital in the Bronx did a bang up job on the flatties at the inlet. High hook had 40 fish but many others had between 20 and 30 fish. The group also boated some nice blackfish during the day. On Sunday, Teamsters Local 804 headed by Artie Grady and Dan Graziano put together a good catch of flounder at Sore Thumb.

Captain Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** remarked on the clarity of the water in the bay and noted that it's the cleanest he has seen the bay in years. Flounder fishing ranged from very good to excellent all week long, with the exception of Sunday which was still good but did see a bit of a slowdown. Saturday's morning trip saw 400 flatties while the afternoon trip produced more than 500. Regulars Keith and Marie teamed to take 94 flatties on Saturday. John Gries fished both trips and totalled 72 flatties. On Friday, Ferdie of Astoria put 86 fish in his bucket. Same day Lillian Haymen of Soap opera and Broadway fame, along with her friend Billie accounted for 93. The pair fished Tuesday, Friday and Saturday and totalled just under 250 flounder for the 3 days. Fishing was being done along South Beach, the mussels beds at the lighthouse and at the Sore Thumb. The boat's evening trips have been enjoying decent action with bluefish, but weakfish have been scarce. Sunday's PM trip saw 75 blues up to 5 lbs. taken.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty 3** reported excellent flounder fishing on Saturday at the Sore Thumb and the lighthouse. Both Friday and Saturday saw very good fishing while Sunday's flood tide produced excellent catches as well. A few fluke being taken also on the flounder baits. Evening trips have seen catches range from 2 to 20 blues a night with just one weakfish decked so far.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Joseph II** said he will now be sailing for fluke and flounder 7AM daily, weakfish and bluefish trips will continue till 6 and 10 PM every night. Flounder fishing was excellent all week and through Saturday, with high hooks over the 50 mark. Saturday was a super day with Shaun Werner taking 55 flatties, Andy Gump 51, Mike Negflo, 45, and Zohari Krasten 41. Charlie has been working the lighthouse area and the Sore Thumb.

Mike Finn at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon said that excellent flounder fishing continues on the mussel beds near the Fl lighthouse. Keith Busch and his dad totalled 70 flatties there on Friday. Plenty of 2 to 4 lb. blues in the vicinity of Dickerson channel and weakfishing remains quiet. A fair numbers of customers beginning to sample the fluke fishing.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani reported a catch of 9 keeper fluke up to 21 inches along with a dozen shorts for Ron Lamano on Sunday. He fished at the RM bridge. Jack and Bob Nichols used umbrella rigs to put 33 blues to 5 lbs. into the box of their Lady J on Saturday. Steve Hugo, Sr. and Jr. had 20 flounder to 3 lbs. at the Sore Thumb on Sunday. Bill Haise and his crew totaled 86 flounder up to 2.2 lbs. a the Sore Thumb. They used worms and clam chum. Also on Friday, Joe Uss had 86 flounder to 2¾ lbs. at the Thumb. He had 44 on Saturday and 41 more on Sunday.

Nick Decicco used 007 jigs and umbrella rigs to take 43 blues from 2 to 5 lbs. in the Ocean Beach area on Friday. Mike Festa counted 6 bjlack fish to 5.3 lbs. taken at the Sore Thumb on Saturday. Mike Shanamian scored with 40 flounder near the Robert Moses Bridge. Working the Sore Thumb area on Sunday Mike Mandato and Charles Wheeler put away 150 flounder. Some blowfish beginning to show near the light

house on worms and some nice fluke now being culled from between the lighthouse and the inlet. On Sunday, Bill Biscardi and Jim Wright took 18 keeper fluke at the inlet. Back on Tuesday, Tom Favilla pulled a very impressive flattie from the State channel at Tobay. It weighed 3.5 lbs.

Ralph Angelillo at **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague reported that Bob Reffi and Neil Reffi checked in fluke of 2.2 and 2.8 lbs. taken on Saturday near the inlet. Rich Owsinski and Vinny Santino plugged 10 blues in the 3 to 4 lb. range and added 22 flounder on the same trip.

Speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor, Bob Rose told of an 11 lb. weakfish for Bob Carniello on Monday. The big tide-runner took a sand worm in Ocean Beach. Bob also had a 3 lb. porgy grab his sand worm bait. Mike Fuchs drifted west channel in his Impulse on Wednesday morning. He took a 6 lb. weak and a 4½ lb. fluke. Good flounder fishing in Massapequa Cove and Squaw Island. The Nightmare, Jo-Lynn and the JC Hooker all had good catches of flounder in these locations over the weekend. On Sunday, Barry Mack put 40 blues into the fish box of his Cathy's Too. The fish were chummed just outside the inlet and ranged up to 5 or 6 lbs.

From **Edelman's** in Farmingdale, Frank Pristera spoke of some nice fluke being taken from the construction dock to the bridge. He did a fair job on the fish Friday and Saturday via a squid strip and red split tailed tube combo. Frank did report an 11.3 lb. weak for Rich Molnar on Saturday. Also, good blackfishing near the RM bridge, blues trolled at the inlet Memorial Day morning and lots of flounder still being taken at the Sore Thumb and at the lighthouse.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Despite this past week's slightly wacky weather, there was lots of good to excellent fishing done with the season really coming into its own.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Skip at **Seaford Harbour Marina in Seaford** said that Friday and Saturday were the best days for his skiffs, with Sunday given an okay rating. Catches averaged 30 to 40 flounder per boat, with best areas being around the 3rd Wantagh. Five fluke (2 keepers) were caught in the same area on squid and there were several other accidental fluke taken on worm bait and flounder rigs. Rental scores Monday through Thursday were 3 to 30 fish a boat.

From **Wanser's Tackle** we hear of super flounder fishing with larger fish at Zachs Bay, Haunts, Massapequa Cove, Squaw and Black Banks. Worm and mussel have been the best producers, with plenty of chum. Fluking has started, said Lon, with a lot of small fish mainly in Reynolds and Sloop. A decent number of keepers, however. Lot of bass in the bay at the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges on plugs and on sand worms. A few weakfish around. Good blackfishing at bridges and wrecks on green crabs or fiddlers. A lot of blues just outside the Jones and Fire Island Inlet areas, fish 2 to 3 lbs.

At **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh Bobby advises the flounder action continued good all this past week, best in the 3rd Wantagh area and at Four Corners. Fluking started west of the Big M in all the channels and creeks. Blackfish at the Big M and 3W. Bay blues all over the bay on anything and scattered small sea bass throughout the bay.

Over at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore Scott passes the word about a couple of weakfish caught at the Big M on sand worms fished into the bridge 3 feet off the bottom on 3 foot leaders, fish 2 to 4 lbs. at dusk. His customers found best flounder action in Haunts. One customer field testing Sea Strike jigs had over 40 small cod on a Coxes Ledge trip on the **Viking Starship**.

Garan's Tackle in Merrick called it a very busy fishing weekend. Don Kerzner and Big Al brought in a 9¼ lb. blackfish caught on a green crab at the Jones West End jetty on high slack. This was along with 8 other big blackfish and the fish were caught from the rocks. Flounder action was good all week long from Zachs Bay to Sloop channel. Rowboat Alley was also a hotspot, in Merrick. A few fluke being picked in Reynolds and bay blues now getting serious attention a at the inlets and along the beaches for trollers and jiggers.

Out of Freeport, a call from Captain Pat of the **Lady J Fleet** said except for one shot at offshore bluefish this week which resulted in 4 to 6 pounders taken on diamonds, it was all flounder trips this week with good results despite Saturday being a little slow. A decent catch was still put together that day with worms and mussel chum being the ticket all week long. One fluke trip Sunday resulted in a 25 percent keeper ratio with 50 nice fluke being kept, Reynolds Channel being the best area. Trips this week were sailed for; Port Authority PD, Engine 47 NYFD, John Adams Life Insurance Co., United Parcel, Bonnie Battle group, NY Board of Ed., Jerry Frolich group and Cub Scout Pack 124.

We learned from the **Jennifer B** that Monday AM, Fred Scerri had a 2½ lb. pool fish. High hook was Joe Simenski with 7 flounder. In the PM Jung Hun had a 3 lb. 4 oz. flounder and regular Joe was high hook with 7.

Sunday AM high hook and pool honors went to John Smith with 20 flatties including a 3 lb. 2 oz. fish. In the PM Stu Reuben bagged a 3 lb. 2 oz. pool flounder. Mon Am Barry I returned taking pool and high hook again with 15 fish including a 2 lb. 4 oz. winner. On the PM trip Paul Gridley was high hook with 11 with Charlie Ernest taking the pool with 2 lb. 2 oz. flounder. Both tides have been catching. Please note that the boat is starting 7PM daily bluefish trips. See ad for details.

From **Lou's Fishing Station** at the mouth of Woodcleft Canal we learn that the week's flounder action has been excellent in both sizes and numbers, weighing in fish to 2 lbs. 15 oz. Hotspots were the CG station, Big M area. Fluking has been "okay" all through Reynolds with about a 30 percent keeper ratio. Wrecks, rocks and reefs have been producing strong catches of ling plus nice mixes of blacks and sea bass also. Blues have been great a mile south of the BA with anglers chumming and loading up on bait. Blues are also being trolled on umbrellas from the inlet to the 2 buoy.

We hear from the **Bluefin Fleet** that their flounder charters continue to catch well with the weekdays being better. Fish have been running to 2 lbs. with top catches in the high 20s. Twenty seven was the score for Tom Pino who also had a 2 lb. pool fish, Tom with the NYCFD. Jack Teirman and Fran Flaherty had 19 flatties each. Mike Cunklin had the 2½ lber. which was the big fish of the week. Wendy Grunsich and Jerry Payton tied with 1¾ lbers. Action has been local and to the east said the skipper and this week you had to work for 'em.

Skipper Mike Dannon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** called the flattie action good all week with the full day boat taking high hooks in the 30s and 40s. On Tuesday, Don Baglevi, a regular, had 42. On the half day boat, high hooks have been running from the teens to the 20s. On Thursday Michael Brian of East Rockaway had a 2½ pool winner. Saturday AM Matt Bresso, New Hyde Park, took a 3.2 oz. flattie and in the PM Pat Quartro had a 3 lb. pool flounder. On Saturday regular Barry had 21 and on Sunday's PM trip Joe Kundrat took a 2½ lb. pool winner. On Monday, the Wolder family had 21, Ziggy Langner 16 and Elizabeth Daguanno the 2½ lb. pool fish. Some blacks mixed in. The half day boat has been getting anywhere from 100 to 300 fish a trip.

Captain Richie Kessinger's **Star-Stream II** which has been fishing ocean wrecks and reefs all this past week says fares have been putting away very good catches all week long of mixed sea bass, ling, blues, cod and blacks, something of everything everyday. The most interesting thing is the continuance of a few cod on every trip plus some early porgies. He called the fishing good and constant.

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A call came in from the charter boat **Corsair** telling of Saturday's trip for Herbie's Bar, Queens Village picking flounder at many drops from the Big M to Seaford, outgoing tide best on clam and worm, fish mostly all nice sized. Sunday's wreck trip was for a group from Lord and Taylor with everybody bagging up with lots of ling plus blackfish and sea bass.

Freeport Boatmen's Association told of the good fluking being had on the **Super Spray II**. Fluke addict Joan Hoffman fished both trips on Monday taking pools on both trips with identical 3½ lb. fish. John the killie man, on Tuesday had a 3¼ lb. pool fluke along with 12 other keepers. Don Giaconne bagged 6 keepers to 2½ lbs. while Helen and Louis had 10 keepers and Harry Thompson, 7. The keeper ratio has been around 50 percent with action at the inlet, CG Station and the bridge. The charter boats continued to enjoy very good floundering in Swift, alongside the flats, areas east of the Big M, JB Piers, in fact the whole area. Super ling action on inshore wrecks.

Out of Point Lookout the two trip a day **Night Hawk** tells of excellent founder action all week from the Big M to the Big W, with AM and PM trips being equally good, many flatties being 1 to 2 lbs. Monday's pool went to John Green with a 2 lb. 3 oz. flounder. Wednesday's high hook was Eric Olsen taking 37 on the AM trip to 2 lbs. 4 oz. The trip saw over 300 fish taken. Thursday PM Frank Calarco had 27 flounder including the 2½ lb. pool winner. Tom Cusimano was high hook with 34. Saturday Muzzi Neckanoff had 25 flounder plus the pool winner. Ray Remo was high hook Sunday with 23 while Dave Gavrin had the pool winning 2 lb. 3 oz. fish. Friday's AM trip had Tessi Rychalski high hook with 21 flatties w while Phil Delaney took the pool.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** this week the Tim Mangus group Wednesday had fair flounder action working Haunts, Swift and the Big M area. Saturday's trip for the Tim Neggi party had good fluking from Sloop through Debs in Reynolds averaging 10 to 20 fish caught per man with a 40 percent keeper ratio. A few 2 to 4 lbers. were mixed in, all on spearing, sand eels or fluke belly. Monday's trip for the Leroy King group had fair fluking in Reynolds with a 25 percent keeper ratio including a few 4 lbers.

Aboard the **Captain Al** this week, fishing ocean wrecks and other interesting pieces of bottom, there were some very good catches put together. On Sunday, Bob Haselton had 35 ling and sea bass. Fares are getting a few cod and porgies on each trip as a late spring bonus. Mixed bags of blues, sea bass, cod, blacks, ling, whiting and a couple of big flounder and also a few good fluke are filling out anglers buckets.

We hear from **Ed's Fishing Station** that on Saturday Sunny and Mike Holmes of Brooklyn totalled 60

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flounder on bloodworms and mussel, while Dave Dweck of Bellmore bagged a 4 lb. 4 oz. fluke in Reynolds fishing sand eels. Tom Contino and Tom Tortarichi had 25 keeper fluke to 3 lbs. fishing Reynolds on sand eels and spearing. This was one-third of their total catch, the rest being midgets. Monday's action saw Guy and George Gruber of Islip with 45 flounder to 2¾ lbs. taken at Fundy Bay on mussel and worm. Mike Pellettiere, Lisa Muter of Flushing totaled 21 flatties to 2 lbs. 10 oz. at Loop Bridge and Reynolds Monday on bloods and mussels. Frank, Marty, Bill and Tony totaled roughly 100 flounder working Swift and off the CG Station on bloods and plenty of mussel chum.

We learn from the **Miss Point Lookout** of very good flounder action all week. Thursday PM Dan Kramer had 18 flounder plus a 2 lb. pool fish. Saturday Joe Szalkiewicz bagged 25 flounder. John Tseng also had 25. Pool fish was a 2½ lber. for Mike Windrow. Roughly 500 flatties were Saturday's total. On Sunday Wayne Baker and Ed Graham totaled 55. Saturday's AM trip saw Mike Goldstein with 14 flounder and a 2 lb. pool fish and on Sunday AM a 2 lb. flounder took the pool for Ron Toffolo.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** tells of the 30 flounder for Paul Ialonia and Jim Kutaja fishing mussel and worm in Swift on dropping tide. Good flounder catches from Swift Creek to Reynolds buoy 17 on worm and mussel chum. Some fluke throughout Reynolds and the inlet area, incoming best on killies, sand eel and squid. Good shots of bay blues. Some fluke being taken on flounder rigs. About a 40 percent fluke keeper ratio. Blues being umbrellaed east and west of the inlet in 20 to 50 feet of water. Blacks at Loop and Big M on fiddlers, fish 2 to 5 lbs.

The word from Captain Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of Atlantic Beach tells of loads of blues from Manasquan to Fire Island Inlet, fish 3 to 8 lbs., mainly on diamonds. Lots of school bass being caught and released. A 33 lb. striper was caught at he ABB on a white bucktail at Wednesday dusk. Ron says this is going to be a banner bluefish season.

Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook tells of hot flounder action all week with big fish all over the place. From the shore at Oak Beach big flounder were taken too. Fluke starting to be picked in Reynolds at the Pt. Lookout end. On Sunday Ocean Beach relinquished 3 weakfish for Paul Cropas fishing jelly worms...fish ran 8 to 14 lbs. Richie Keene had a good day on flounder Monday fishing behind Merrick.

Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle in Franklin Square told of Tom Pittelko on Monday AM with 10 flounder to 1¾ lbs. and 3 out of 12 keeper fluke caught on spearing in Swift Creek. Bill Fitz and Hank Silva chummed 5 bass at the ABB to 28 inches, all released. Tom DiMauro and Mike

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Simpogna also chummed 18 bass to 31 inches at the ABB plus 3 blues to 10 lbs. All the bass were released. Fred says he has plenty of tins of clam bellies in the freezer. Loads of blues being jigged and trolled in 40 to 60 feet of water.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway we hear of good flounder catches, 15 to 25 a man, in Reynolds along the docks on the north side. Some big stripers have been spotted in the shoals feeding on grass shrimp. A few fluke being taken in the back and blues invading inlets and bays, while bccs have made their presence known off the Bay Park docks.

We hear from Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach that a few flounder are being taken around the Marine Parkway bridge and Breezy Point, while blackfishing has been good at the Marine Parkway bridge and the North and South Channel Bridges on greens and fiddlers. Small blues are being caught easily in the bay on chunks and at the MP bridge on jigs with or without tails. Lots of small stripers being taken on worms and released and a few fluke at the Breezy Point area.

Out of Sheepshead Bay Captain Tom of the **Elsie K III** tells of the best floundering of the season right now in the jetty area, all fish 1 to 3½ lbers. with some blacks mixed in. Good weather equals good fishing said the skipper. He advises not to bring your ultralight tackle with light to medium conventional being the ticket now. He looks forward to 2 more solid weeks of spring flounder. It's just too good to leave.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** has switched over to fluke. He's been getting anywhere from short fish to keepers to the 6 lb. mark, working Debs Inlet and off the Rockaway beaches. He says action has been getting better every day as the size and quantity on spearing. Watch for the brand new 75 foot all aluminum super cruiser that Capt. Butch is having built as you read this report, which should arrive later this summer.

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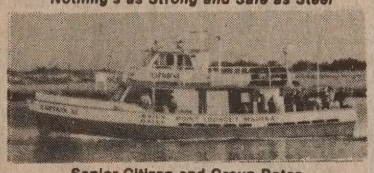

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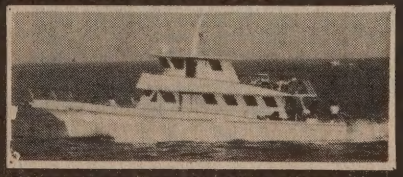

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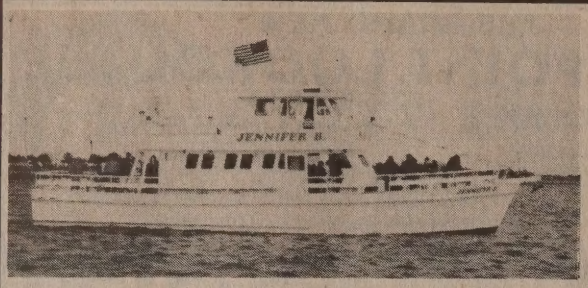

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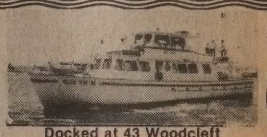

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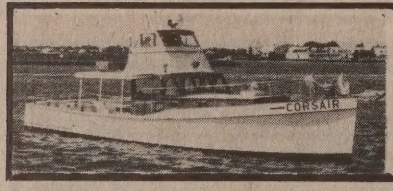

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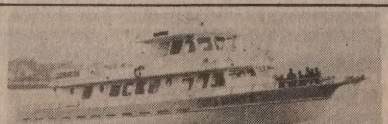

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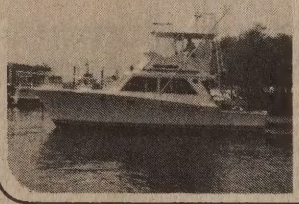

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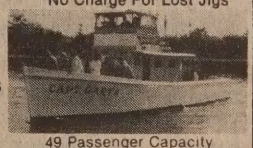

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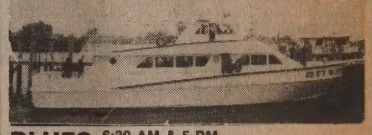

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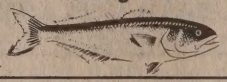

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the 40s and Monday in the 30s. Wow! Al said fish are being jigged to 12 lbs. He worked Keyport Sat. and Sun. and fished off Long Branch on Monday. From Monday through Friday Al said the fishing was also super. What more could you want.

Charlie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** called the blackfishing good at the Tin can and Seabright, fish mixed. Bluefishing has been definitely good with fish 3 to 8 lbs. at Sandy Hook and Long Branch. Night ling fishing continued good at Ambrose Tower while the flounder action continued fair at Tin Can and off Manhattan Beach on worms. Fluking starting from Rockaway through Debs.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Carrell

Bluefish invaded the Sound last week while tautog anglers still had plenty to cheer about. Several early reports of fluke were in East End logs as well. Unfortunately the weekend closed out with an easterly flow that made Monday a slow pick, but, as a whole, the Memorial Holiday was a pretty good one from east to west.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun and Tackle in **New Rochelle** reported good bluefish action off Rye at the K Buoy, while local anglers had fine tautog fishing. **Jack's Bait and Tackle** on **City Island** called the bluefish blitz off Mamaroneck, Larchmont and Execution Light "unbelievable". John DeCuffa said that the blues were mostly cocktails from 2 to 6 pounds. A great catch of more than 3 dozen tautog were taken in the shallows around Hart's Island by Hector Noah, Al Rolon and Mary Rolon using sandworms as bait.

John Cacciola at **Glen Cove Sport** needs the help of Long Island beach fishermen who can contribute to the Fishermen's Defense Fund, working to save beach access on the North Shore around Matinecock. Cacciola explained that the blues were everywhere off the beaches, but tended to be scattered in the open Sound. The best bass so far have only been fish to 12 pounds; no keepers yet.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** is ready to switch to blues beginning this Wednesday, after one weekend shot at choppers to 8 pounds off Greenwich, Lloyds and Port Jeff. Flounder fishing on the **Apache** was a 'slow pick' of nice fish for most of the weekend, according to Dom Cerbone. The flatties run 1 to 1½ pounds in

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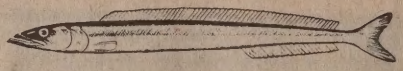

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Bob Cedar from **Huntington Prop** was excited about the first two keeper bass of the season in the shop. Herb Hahn and Greg Moncaleri took forty-two and thirty-seven inch linesiders from Cold Spring Harbor on live bunker. Ed Burke showed up with more than two dozen flatties from Eatons. "Bananas on bluefish" was the word from George Valentine at **Four Winds**. Lots of choppers to six pounds were taken off the Obstruction Buoy on diamond jigs or taken off Lloyds on plugs. Valentine also weighed a pair of bass at 29 and 23 pounds from Cold Spring, while Matt Lamacchia found a 10 pound weakfish among the bass off Eaton's. Among the big blackfish recorded at **Four Winds** were Hugh Chancey's 11 pounder, taken on a worm. Steve Witthuhn led the derby with a nine pound, 2 ounce tautog, while Al Mott put a 7½ pounder on the scales. Most tautog were coming from the Target Rock-Marshall Field area in good numbers.

Eileen Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** said that she had a lot of reports of blackfish taken while angling for flounder, and that her customers were fishing blues off the Lilco plant. **Bowman's** in **Northport** suggested trying weakfish between the Coast Guard Station and the power plant. Both Bob Mele and Clem Reseska weighed mid-sized tiderunners at the shop on Friday and Saturday, one fish apiece.

Easterlies spoiled Sound fishing east of Eaton's on Memorial Day, but the **Caraftis Fishing Station** noted that there were miles of bluefish scattered for trolling northeast of Buoy 11. Tautog off Oldfield and Cranes averaged 3 or 4 pounds, but fish to 10 have been weighed in recent weeks.

Everybody in the Mount Sinai-Rocky Point area felt that the blackfish angling was 'great'. Al Sturges at the **Complete Angler** liked the beaches for fish to 5 pounds or more while the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** had documented a 9 pound 9 ounce fish for Charles Haberstroh last week. Also, in the Correction Officers tourney the five-fish-weigh-ins that led the contest were 31 and 22 pounds respectively. The contestant teams were Susan Dale and Steve Fortunas, and Kevin Giroux and Nancy Kelly. Bill at the Fishing Stop also noted the Broadway blues in the Rocky Point and Mount Sinai zone. Choppers to 7 pounds were also trolled off Buoys 9 and 11. There was a rumor of a 7 pound fluke off Cedar Beach.

On Saturday, Fred Mildner of the

Hawkeye had a super tautog charter for Bob Zunno. They kept 16 tautog to 8½ pounds while throwing back many fish under four pounds. Fishing was in 40 feet of water with crabs. John Alberda on the **TJ** had a fine Sunday with the Blume family, using soft baits in shallow water, and picking large tautog. Great numbers were not reported, but three fish that were kept went six, eight and ten pounds! The party then had fun with bluefish to 7 pounds, a huge school up on top all the way from Greenwich to Eaton's.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** reported a good mix of bottom fish ranging from porgies and sea bass to fluke and flounder. Tautog are the feature, of course. Fishing is best with clam baits, but fares might want to pick up worms and crabs for specialized fishing. Naturally per fare catches are higher on weekdays because the fish have to be spread around on weekends. The fish of the week was Jerry Rosenthal's 9½ pound tautog. Bob Graf had over a dozen 'tog on Friday and a 16 inch fluke as well. On Saturday, the boat switched briefly to bluefish and loaded up.

NORTH FORK

Persistent sharpies managed to pick a few weakfish from the Peconics over the Holiday weekend. Ed Kopack at **Warren's** saw one catch of a half dozen west of Robin's Island as well as a haul of more than a dozen blues northeast of Buoy 2. The latter were taken while trolling. Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** told us that most boats had a weakfish on Sunday with one catch of 3. The best tiderunner this week went 10 pounds, and one beautiful 8 pound fluke was also reported. Fishing a yellow bucktail from the New Suffolk rocks, the youngest member of the Loria clan caught his first weakfish, too.

Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** in **Southold** told us that the bluefish scattered in the bay last week, but reappeared on Sunday off Jessups where there were decent reports on diamond jigs. On Saturday, Pete Izzo tried a couple of drifts off Buoy 8 in East Marion and wound up with a pair of four and six pound fluke. Tony Loperfido found a pod of large flounder in the 2½ pound class on the south side of Plum Island and scored with more than 2 dozen 'rugs' for the **Fishalot**.

The first Sound porgies of the season were reported by Bob at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport**. These were four medium sized scup taken in 35' of water around the Rocky Point area. A total of a dozen weakfish were taken on three nights by the **Brand X**. Bluefishing was good until Saturday night when schools became scattered after dark and fares had only a fish or two per person.

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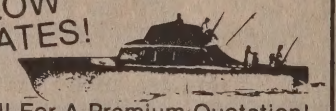

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better than others' on the flounder off Gardiners. If you are thinking about 2 pound plus fish, Gardiners is still the best spot. One of the boat's smaller fish weighed 2 pounds 9 ounces last week. Most people on Sunday seemed happy with the catch, and this week should be even better with better tides. Larry Ciccotto has been hitting the flatties with the **Prime Time III**. He had the best shot at fish off Orient all year with one hundred flatties on Sunday. With Monday's easterlies, there were only half the number caught in that slot. Next week, Ciccotto plans to try fluke on the Tuesday and Wednesday trips.

John Rainis' **Sea Star** was getting new engines and will be back in the water for flounder and tautog in the middle of the week sailing from Stirling Harbor. Both the **Captain Bob** and the **My Yacht II** reported good fishing for tautog around Mattituck Inlet and the pipeline, when pumping was not in progress. Some of the 'tog run 8 pounds or better. Capt. Frank Ingargiola's My Yacht sails out of the Mattituck Inlet Station on Monday and Wednesday as an open boat, while the Captain Bob runs from Mill Road Tuesday through Thursday. Ceglowski found acres of blues on the Sound on successive afternoons over the weekend as well as his customary tautog.

The **Mattituck Fishing Station** and the **Mattituck Inlet Station** saw a few porgies from very deep water, but the highlight of the week was the bluefish action all the way from Roanoke to Goldsmith's at daybreak and at sunset, according to Ron Petersen.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Bluefish are now well established along both shores of the Island as well as at Montauk. Bass fishing continues to be dominated by schoolies with a few bigger fish reported this week. Weakfish remain conspicuous by their absence with most surfmen having a tough time of locating any tide-runners.

Johnny Kronuch gave us a rundown of the week's action from his Montauk based **Johnny's Tackle Shop**. John said that the bluefish moved in on North Bar in good numbers Wednesday night. Thursday and Friday nights saw good school bass action at Jones Reef with fish up to 15 lbs. beached. A few tourists reported picking some 3 to 4 bluefish from along the sand beaches over the holiday weekend. Bigger blues from 6 to 8 lbs. kept casters busy late Monday

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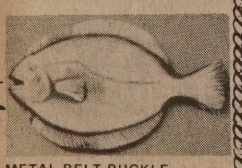

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under the light and at Scotts. Saturday night saw a good shot of blues at Shagwong. One caster was able to drill a 20 lb. striper from among the blues. Poppers and tin have been effective on both the bass and blues in the daylight, while needlefish plugs continue to be most effective between sunset and sunrise.

Jason Colby relayed word that he had a bunch of school bass to 15 lbs. along with a 21 lb. striper fishing the south side of Montauk on Monday night. He also had several blues from 8 to 11 lbs. All the fish were taken on yellow needlefish plugs.

Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** knew that there was some good bass fishing at Montauk earlier last week. Pat Lakowski, Wayne Poulion and Roman Fedina had bass of 29, 22 and 15 lbs. among numerous smaller fish. Concerning the local north shore action, Stan said that there are now plenty of 2 to 4 lbs. blues with an occasional fish to 7 lbs. spread along local beaches. School bass are also around in good numbers particularly after dark on Hellcats, Rebels and Droppers. Don Meola scored with a 7 lb. weak from the Smithtown Bay shore one night this past week. Ronnie and Howie Setnecar had a good inning with school bass to 12 lbs. in Smithtown Bay.

Some school bass taken at Smith Point on tin and bluefish in and out inside Fire Island Inlet according to Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue. Lou Pagnoni, and Marty Beer were among the casters who got a good shot at the fish Thursday afternoon at Cedar Beach. They ranged from 2 to 5 lbs.

According to Chester Shew at **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague Hank Richards and Greg Darton put away 18 blues from 8 to 12 lbs. on bunker chunk at Cedar Beach Saturday night. Hank was back at the shop this Tuesday morning with a catch of 24 blues from 10 to 12 lbs. also caught on bunker chunks. He told of releasing a nice bass as well.

Jimmy Schafer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in Lindenhurst reported that Pete Habanec used yellow bucktails to take 15 school bass to 12 lbs. at the Lilco plant on Thursday night. The same night Pete Bilozur had 4 school bass and a 25 lb. striper inside FI Inlet. Jimmy noted that blues to 4 lbs. were taken by casters everyday at Cedar Beach this past week.

Charlie Maffi at **Mike's Tackle Shop** in Sheepshead Bay had the week's biggest striper to report. Just prior to our talking, he had put a 38 lb. 4oz. striper on the scale for Michael Perlman of Brooklyn. The bass was taken after daybreak Tuesday morning on a Polaris Popper at Seagate. Charlie added that blues have been taken on bunker chunks and poppers along Manhattan Beach with some bass being taken on Rebels. The Breezy Point jetty has been producing fish on bucktails, Atom swimmers and Redfins.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater fishing continued to be productive over the holiday weekend with bass, trout and carp leading the way. The bass fishing is really starting to heat up as the season opener (June 6th) approaches and this week there were reports of fast action with surface lures. Carp fishing is red hot right now but is due to slow any day as these fish should be about ready to spawn.

Bill Beckmann of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, reports freshwater fishing has been good in general, especially at Smith Pond on Peninsula Blvd. where anglers are catching plenty of small bass and panfish. On Sunday, Juan Weinhardt of Farmingville checked in with several brown and rainbow trout to 18" taken in Lower Yaphank Lake.

At **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Centereach**, Fred Laager informs us that Martin Metzler worked the Peconic River on Saturday morning where he used a gold spinner to score with a 3.8 pound pickerel.

According to Mike at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, carp fishing has been red hot in the lakes along Rt. 231 in Babylon. Shop regulars Bobby O. and Big Y. have been working the same area with nightcrawler baits and are cleaning up on largemouth bass. This week alone these lucky anglers caught and released 25 largemouths to 3 pounds. Mike also told us that he has had several good reports of pickerel, catfish and perch catches made in Southard's Pond.

Fishing on Lake Ronkonkoma is unchanged since last week according to Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters**. The better anglers continue to pick a few largemouths on plastic worms while others go fishless or settle for panfish. The lake is still a little on the cold side and it will probably be a while longer before the bass begin to feed with abandon.

From Jim at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle, East Islip**, we hear that pickerel fishing is good in Southard's Pond while over at Brookwood Hall Lake, bass and panfish are feeding well. At the latter location, Mike Chernis had six bass, three pickerel and some panfish over the weekend. Nightcrawlers were the preferred bait.

At **J & R Sports Center, Oakdale**, Dave Canale reported weighing in a 1 pound bluegill for 16 year old Paul Rippenger. Paul dunked a nightcrawler bait in Cuttings Pond to dupe the big sunfish and also caught and released a few small largemouths. Dave also noted that fishing has been very

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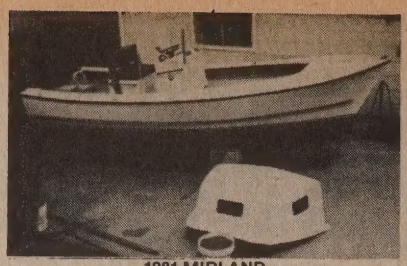

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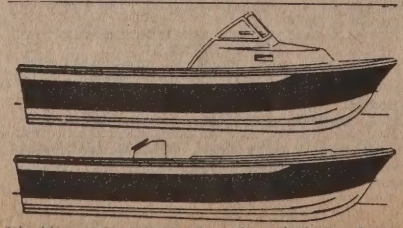

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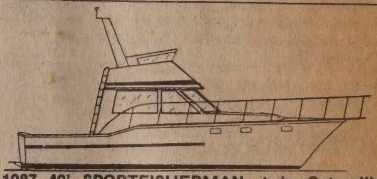

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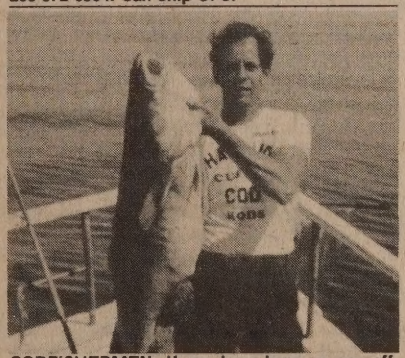

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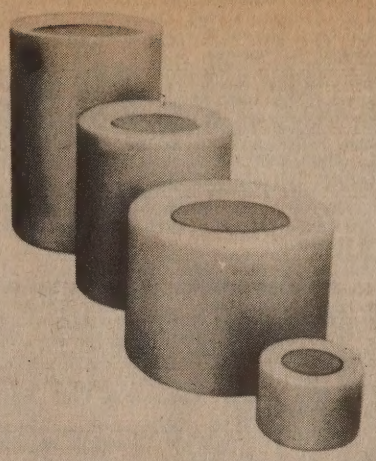

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good in Connetquot River State Park and Bubbles Falls is still giving up plenty of small trout.

A call to **J & J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, revealed good action with trout and bass on the local lakes. On Saturday, Ray Pinto landed a 16 inch brown trout at Swan Lake. Over on West Lake, the trio of Ron Vernillo, Brian Cosgrove and Chris Sudnick combined to take their share of trout, bass and perch with both lures and worms producing solid catches. Other anglers have also reported doing well with trout on this lake and according to Paul Graniello, hatches have been strong and dunns and nymphs are both taking trout for flycasters. Fishing has also been productive on Patchogue Lake, where bass have begun smashing surface lures. Jitterbugs and Crazy Crawlers have been the hot items. Paul also heard of a couple of anglers scoring well with smallmouth bass to 3 pounds in Fort Pond, Montauk.

One of the few places reporting lackluster action over the holiday weekend was Southaven Park. According to Mary Gallo, anglers had a real tough time coaxing the Hard's Lake trout to bite because the boating traffic was so intense. Only a few small browns were reported. Normal boating pressure should allow the fishing to rebound next week.

Out east at the **Fisherman's Deli**, Mrs. Devlin reports fast paced action with small to medium sized bass, pickerel and panfish. Steve Cidoni and Andy Alessandro of Brentwood, took several bass and pickerel to 2.9 pounds on Jitterbugs. Rich Trafford of East Moriches used a rubber frog to entice several bass up to 4 pounds. George Maloney of Queens used a rubber worm to connect with three nice pickerel. All this action occured in the stretch of Peconic River behind the shop. From June 6th to the end of the month, the Fisherman's Deli will be holding its yearly bass contest. To enter, just stop by and sign up.

Warren Gehr, of **Warren's Archery and Tackle, Selden**, reported his brother Charles stopped by Lower Yaphank Lake over the weekend where he connected with four rainbow trout. Otherwise, freshwater fishing was a little quiet this week.

I had a chance to speak with my good friend George Rose one evening last week and learned that he recently caught and released a carp that weighed 25 pounds on his hand-held scale. The big fish fell for a corn kernal bait fished on the bottom in Kahlers Pond.

Ken Josephson, of Crazy Chief Ski and Sport, Hunter Mountain, gave a ring on Sunday to let us know that heavy rains during the week have soiled the local streams and slowed the action with trout. Fly fishing has been lackluster but anglers dunking worms are still coaxing a few fish. Ken feels that a few days of dry weather should put the fishing on track.

A call to Capt. Bill Johnson, of **Odyssey Charters, Rochester**, revealed that Lake Ontario anglers have been enjoying some top notch action with brown trout and salmon. The trout have been holding in 8' to 10' of water near the shoreline while the salmon (10-20 pound range) have been a little deeper where the water temperatures are closer to 41 degrees. Number 5 Evil Eye lures have been working on the salmon while the trout are striking black and silver spoons.

Freshwater fans looking for an extra edge on Long Island bass fishing might want to pick up a copy of a few pamphlet called "Guide to Freshwater Bass Fishing on Long Island." Compiled by the Long Island Bassmasters, this informative pamphlet covers seasonal habits of bass, the importance of catch and release fishing, and when and how to catch bass on seven of the Island's better lakes. The booklet costs only $1.00 and 75 percent of the money earned will be earmarked for conservation, public education of bass fishing and youth activities. It is available at J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue and J&R Sports Center, Oakdale, or you can write to the Long Island Bassmasters, P.O. Box 2547, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	9:05	9:10	10:00	10:10	9:45	9:55	10:45	10:50	12:35	1:10	12:10	12:40	8:55	9:15	5/28
FRI.	9:40	9:50	10:35	10:50	10:30	10:35	11:25	11:30	1:05	1:45	12:45	1:20	9:35	9:55	5/29
SAT.	10:25	10:25	11:15	11:30	11:15	11:15	—	12:10	1:30	2:10	1:25	1:55	10:20	10:35	5/30
SUN.	11:10	11:10	11:55	—	—	12:05	12:10	12:55	2:00	2:40	2:05	2:40	11:05	11:20	5/31
MON.	11:50	11:55	12:10	12:40	12:10	12:50	12:50	1:45	2:35	3:15	2:50	3:20	11:55	—	6/1
TUES.	—	12:45	12:55	1:25	12:40	1:35	1:40	2:35	3:15	3:55	3:30	4:05	12:05	12:45	6/2
WED.	12:40	1:30	1:40	2:15	1:25	2:20	2:30	3:30	4:00	4:35	4:15	4:50	1:00	1:35	6/3
THURS.	1:25	2:20	2:30	3:05	2:05	3:00	3:25	4:20	4:50	5:25	5:05	5:40	1:50	2:30	6/4

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/28	5:30	8:25
FRI. 5/29	5:29	8:26
SAT. 5/30	5:28	8:27
SUN. 5/31	5:28	8:28
MON. 6/1	5:27	8:29
TUE. 6/2	5:27	8:30
WED. 6/37	5:26	8:31

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/28	5:40AM	9:50PM
FRI. 5/29	6:25AM	10:40PM
SAT. 5/30	7:20AM	11:25PM
SUN. 5/31	8:20AM	11:55PM
MON. 6/1	9:20AM	—
TUE. 6/2	10:25AM	12:35AM
WED. 6/3	11:30AM	1:00AM

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	AM Minor	AM **Major**	PM Minor	PM **Major**
Thurs.	5:55	—	6:20	**12:10**
Fri.	6:55	**12:40**	7:25	**1:10**
Sat.	7:45	**1:35**	8:20	**2:05**
Sun.	8:40	**2:30**	9:15	**3:00**
Mon.	9:35	**3:25**	10:05	**3:50**
Tues.	10:25	**4:15**	10:55	**4:40**
Wed.	11:15	**5:05**	11:40	**5:25**
Thurs.	11:55	**5:50**	—	**6:10**

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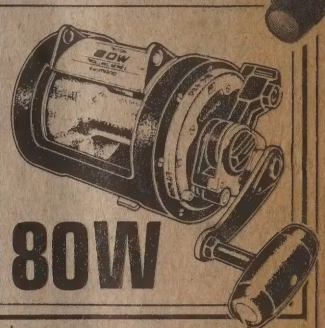

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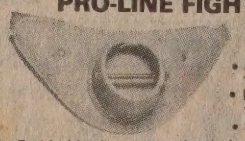

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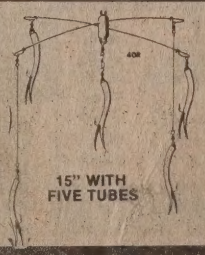

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